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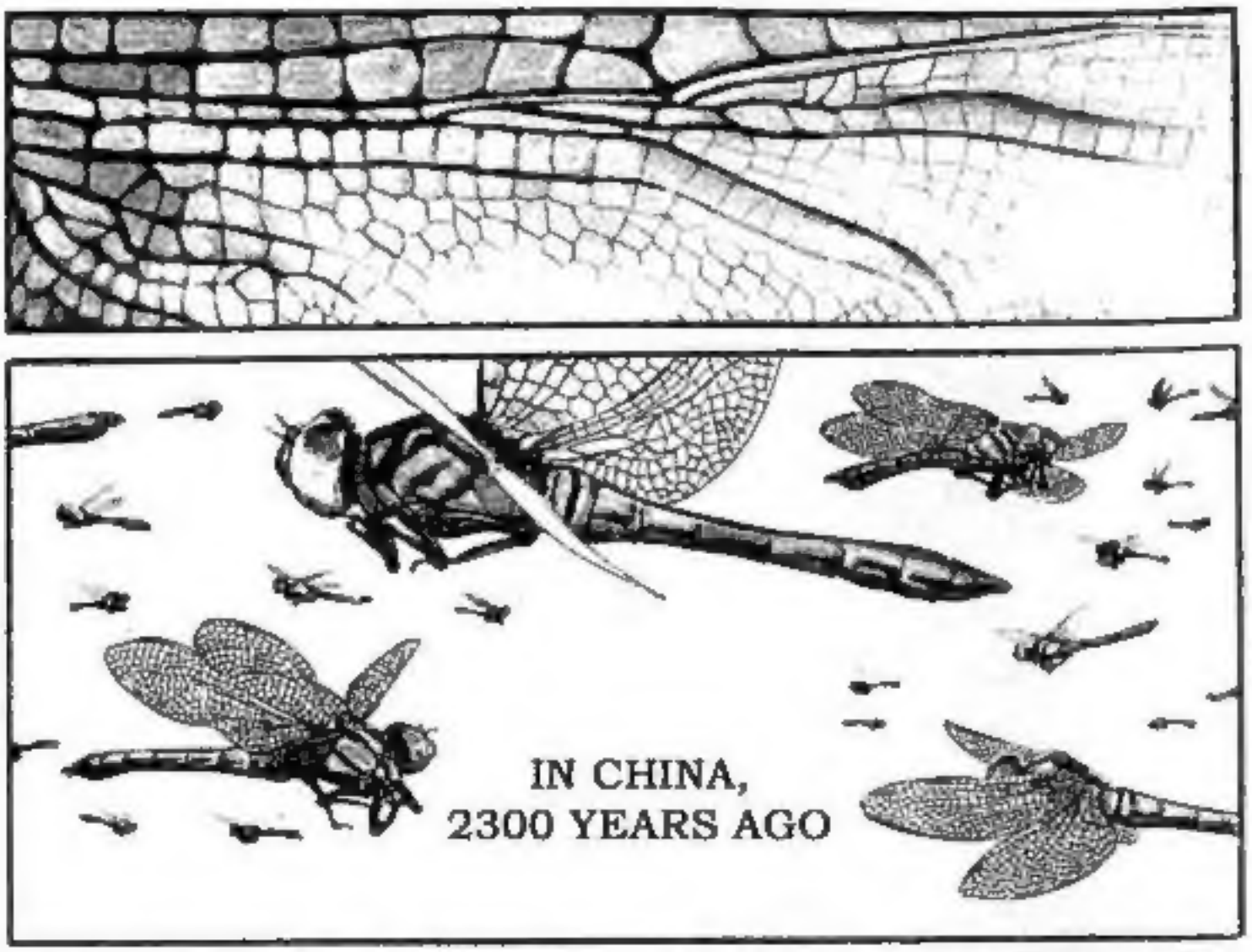
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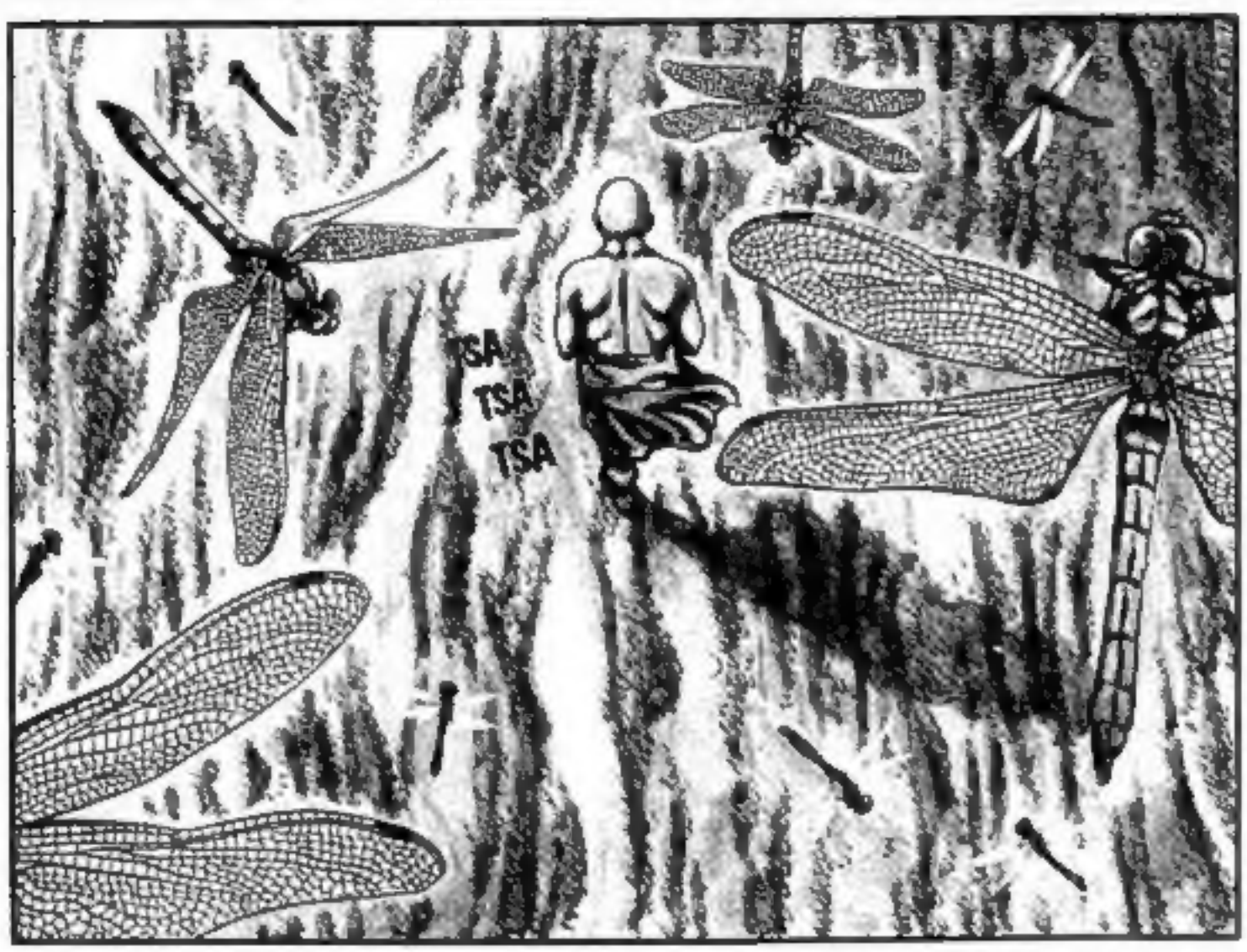
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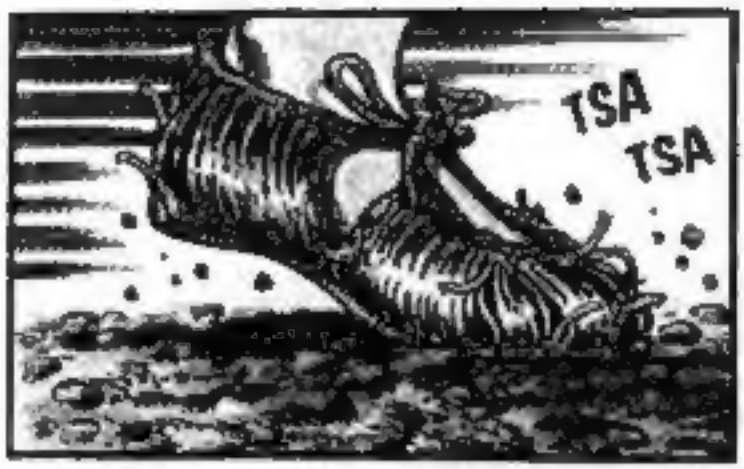
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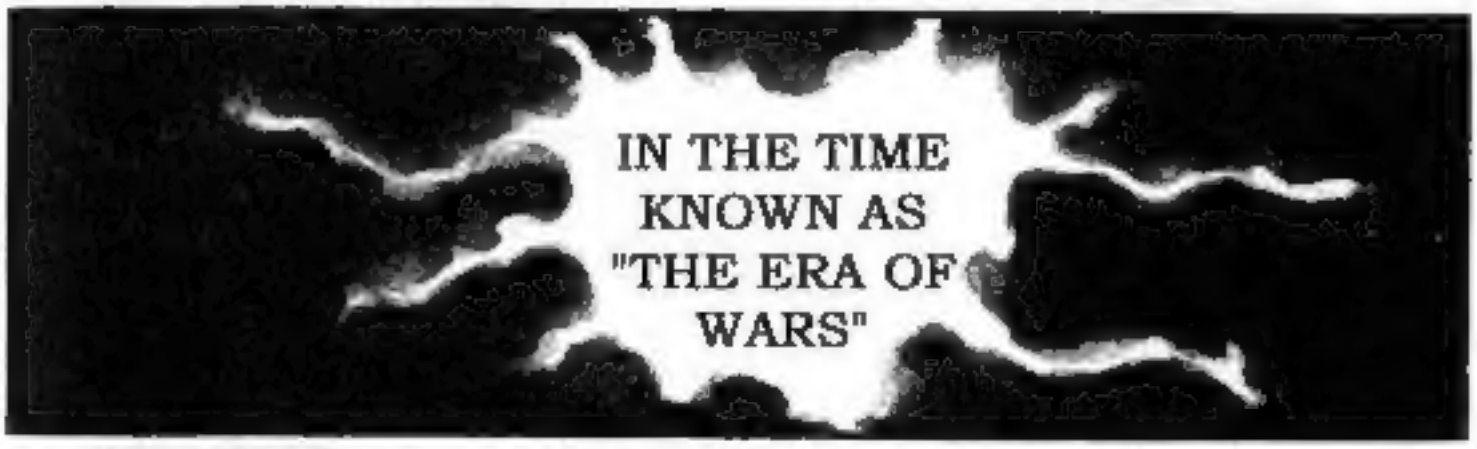
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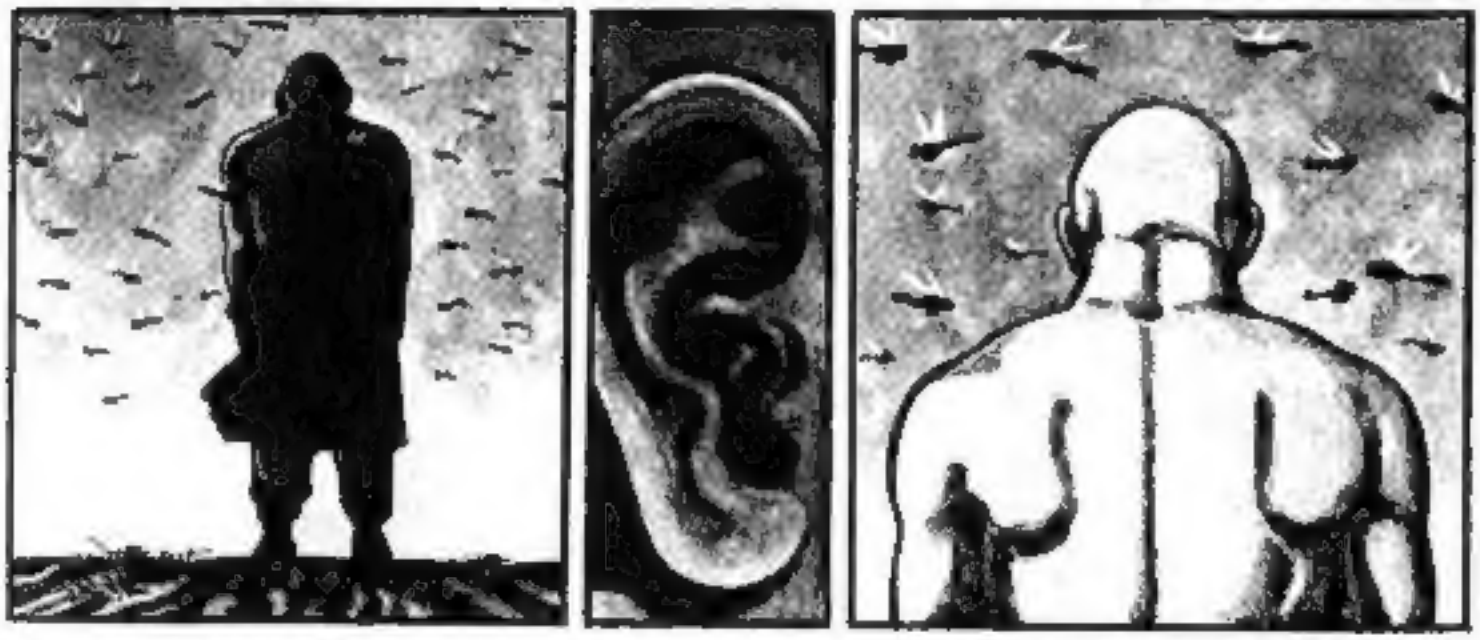

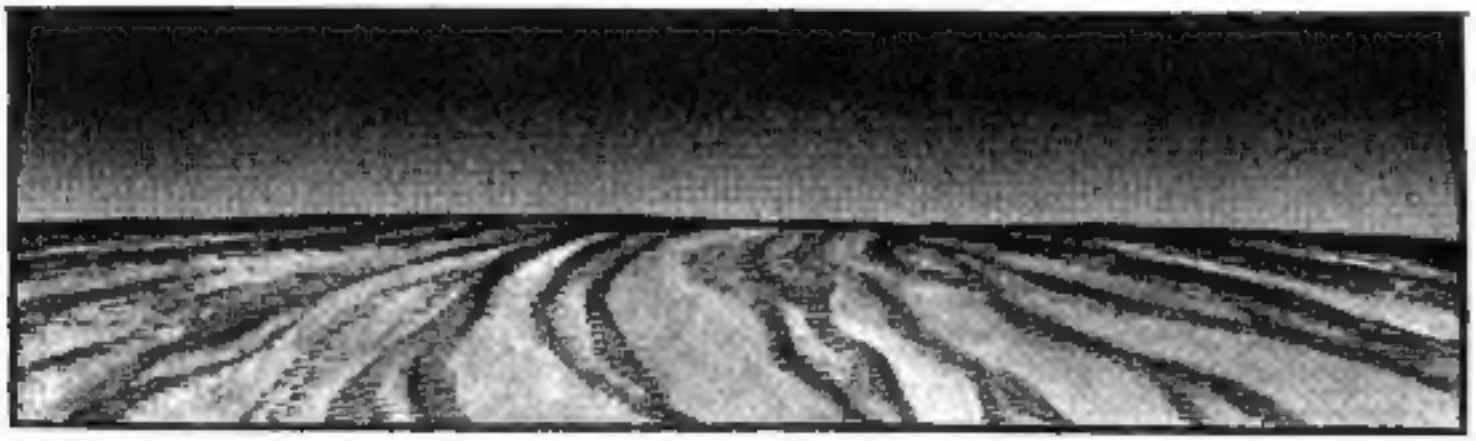

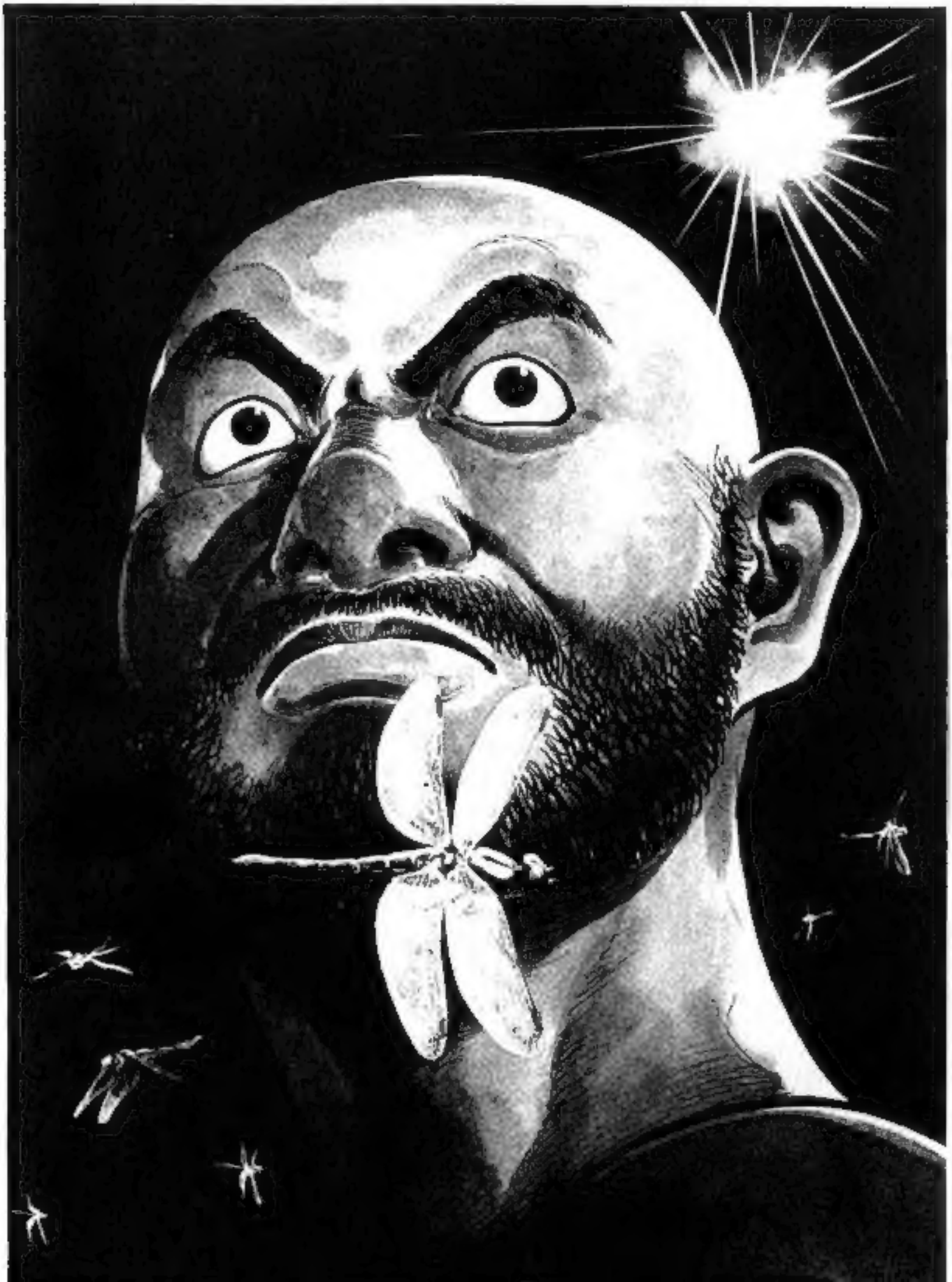

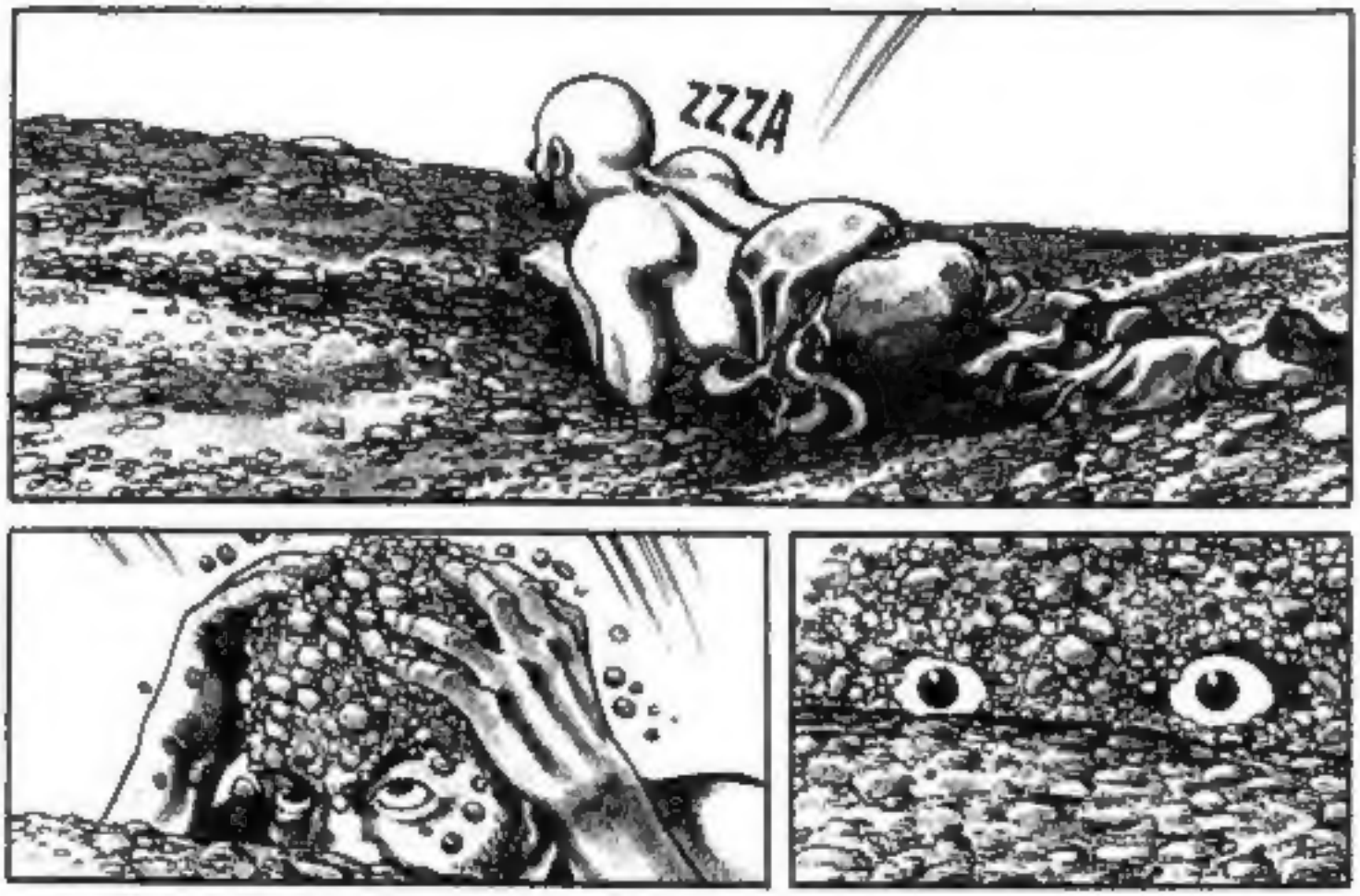
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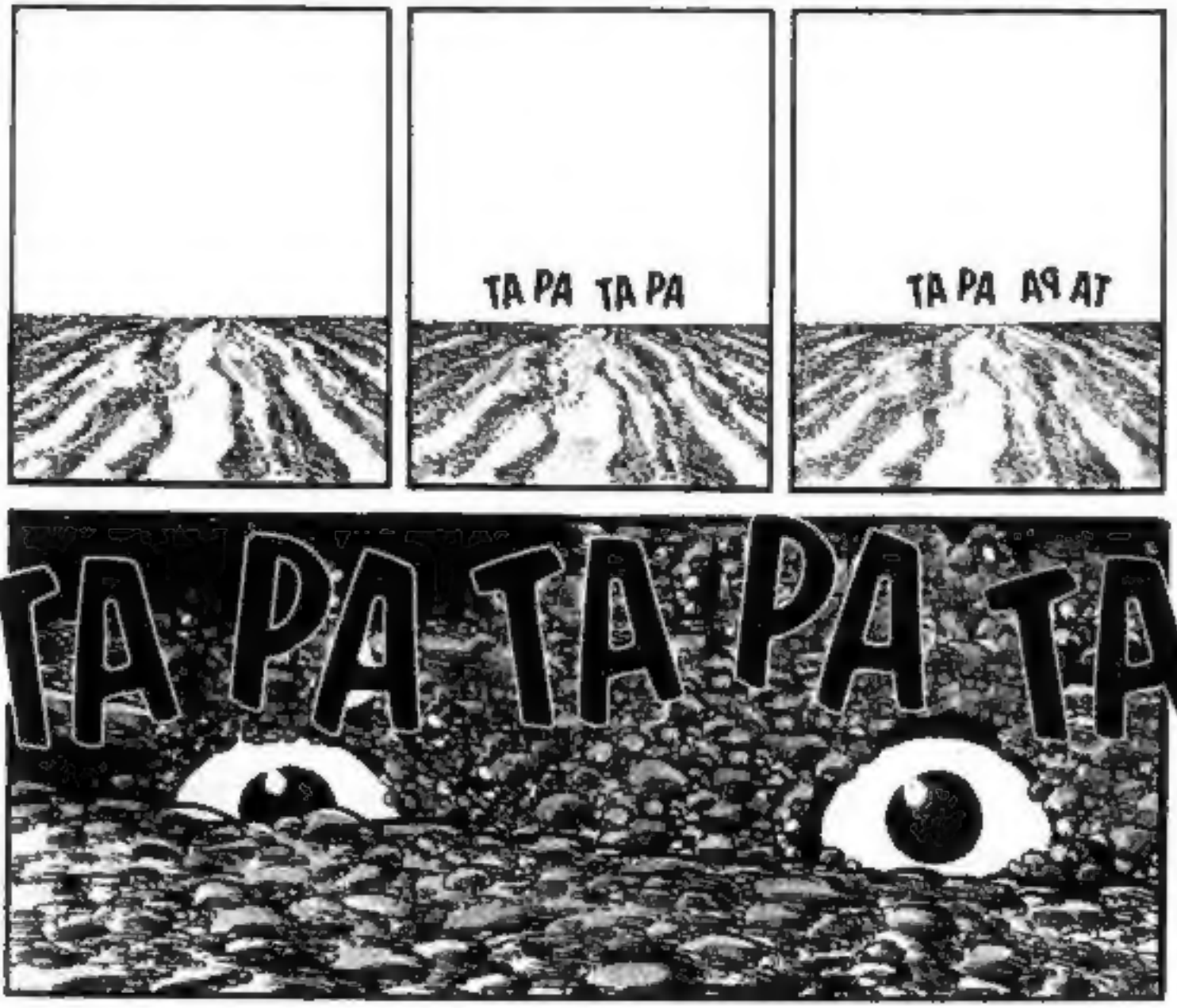
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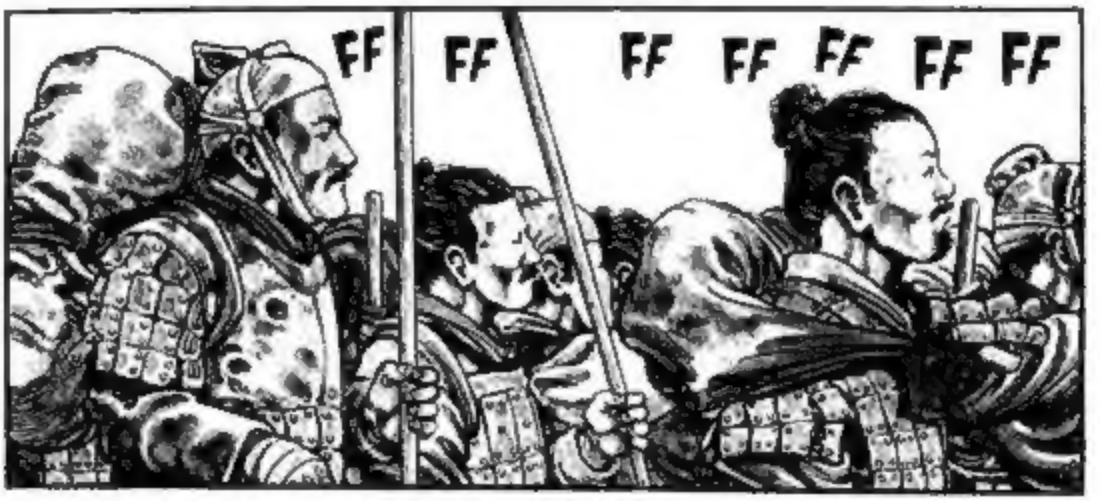
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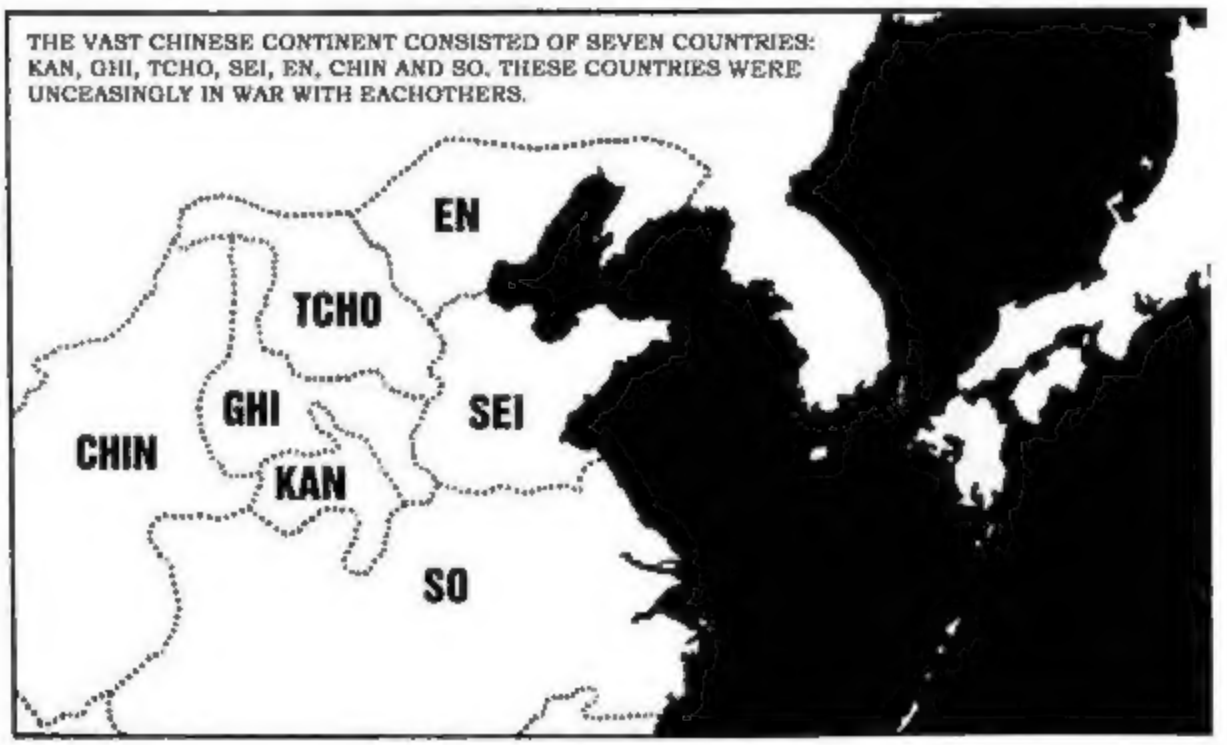
THE VAST CHINESE CONTINENT CONSISTED OF SEVEN COUNTRIES: KAN, GHI, TCHO, SEI, EN, CHIN AND SO. THESE COUNTRIES WERE UNCEASINGLY IN WAR WITH EACHOTHERS.
EN
TCHO
GHI
SEI
CHIN
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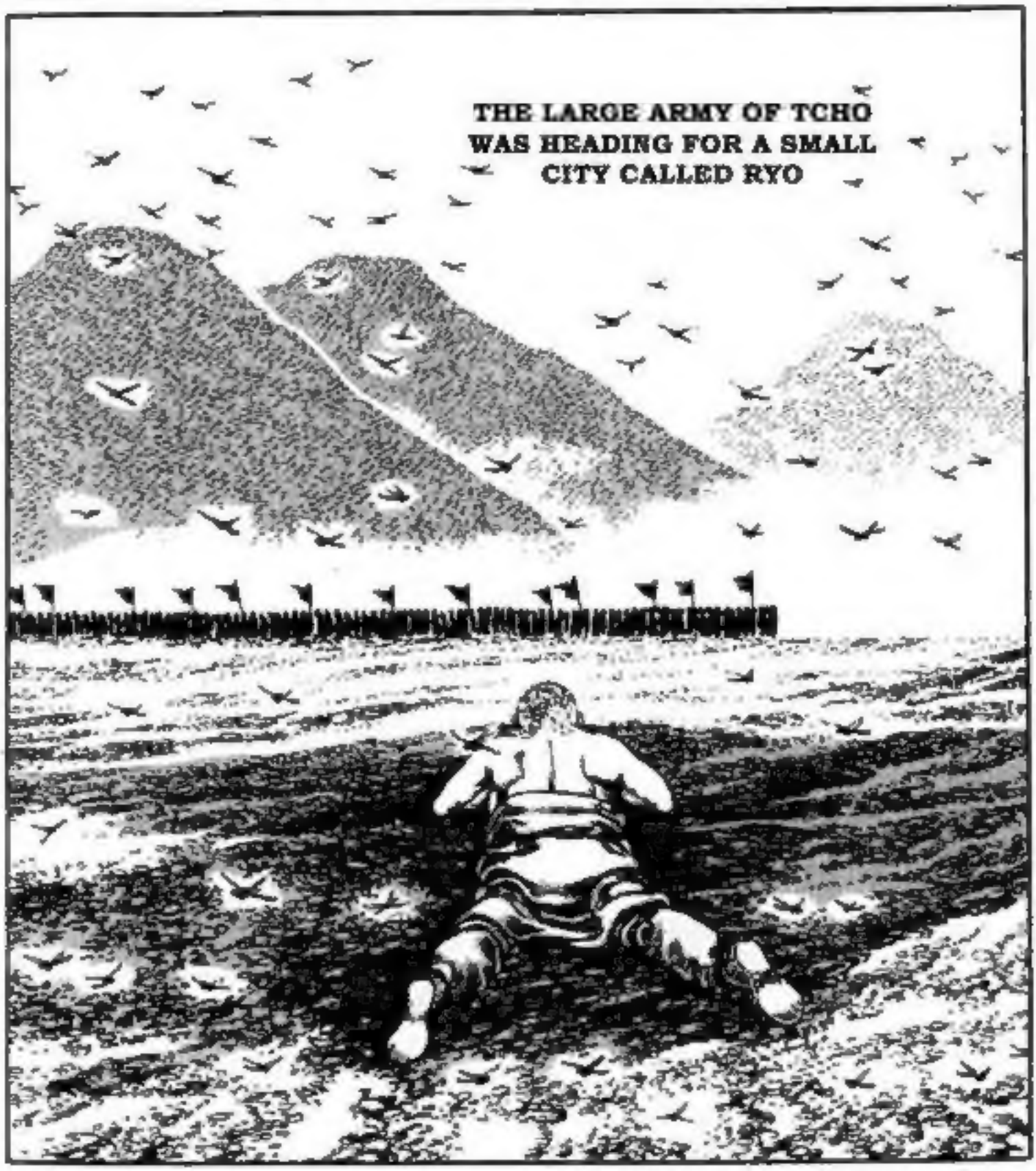
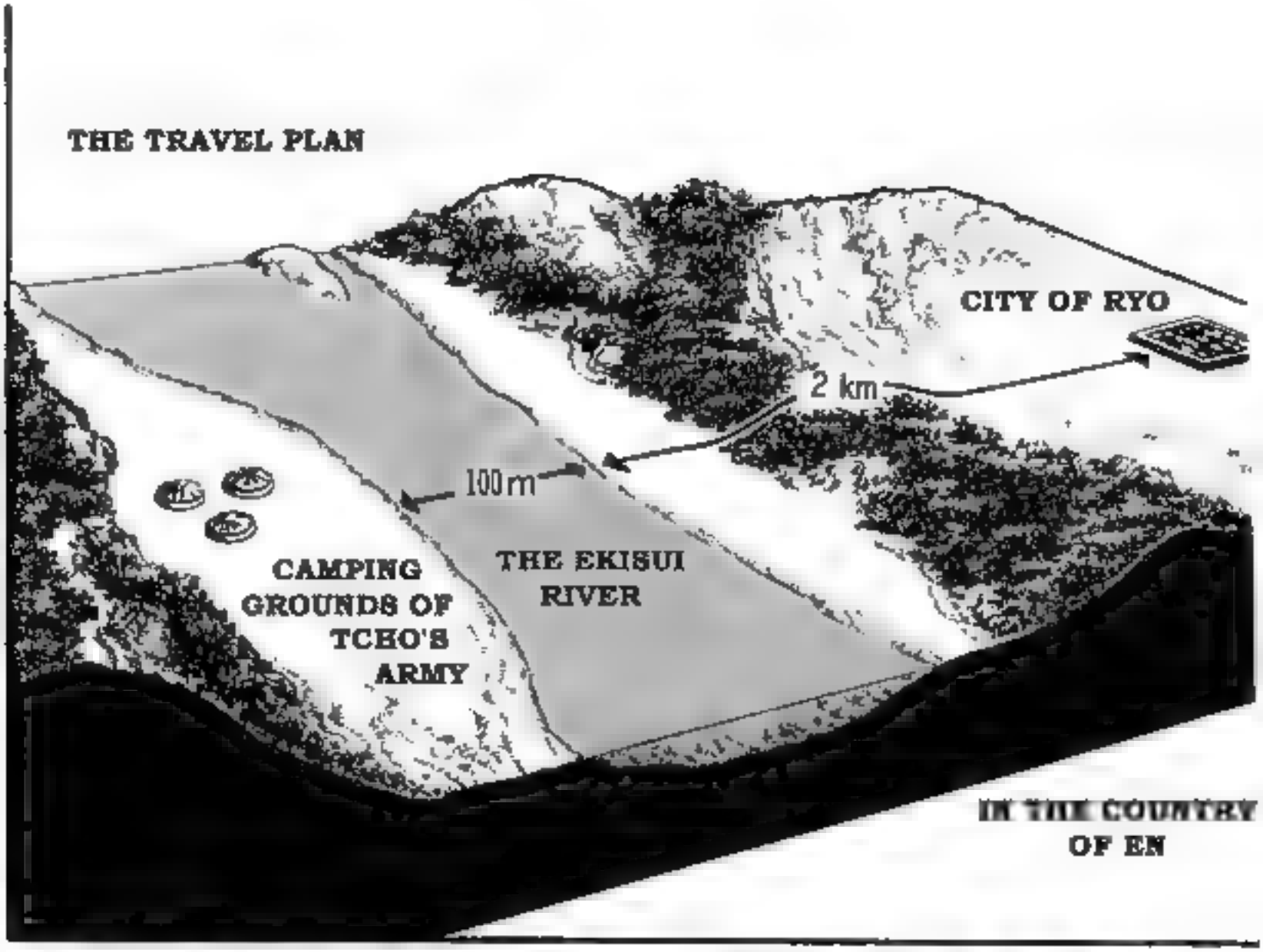
SO

DOH DOH DOH DOH
A HUNDRED HORSES AND FIVE THOUSAND SOLDIERS
THEY ARE NUME-ROUS


THE LARGE ARMY OF TCHO WAS HEADING FOR A SMALL CITY CALLED RYO


THE TRAVEL PLAN
CITY OF RYO
2 km
100 m
THE EKISUI RIVER
CAMPING GROUNDS OF TCHO'S ARMY
IN THE COUNTRY OF EN

IN THE COUNTRY OF TCHO

DZAH
DZAH
MOIM
MOIM
GLOU
GLOU

PIONG
PIONG
PIONG
BIBHO
(40 YEARS)
COMMANDER OF
TCHO'S ARMY'S
FORCES
PIONG
PIONG

COMMANDER BISHO, DON'T POSTPONE THIS ANY LONGER!

KOGAYO (25 YEARS)
LIEUTENANT

LET US FINISH THE RAFTS QUICKLY, SO WE CAN PROCEED AND TAKE RYO BY STORM

EASY, LIEUTENANT, TAKE IT EASY

NO, I WONT. THE CITY OF RYO IS ONLY A CITY BY NAME, JUST LIKE THEIR SOLDIERS, WHO ARE NOTHING BUT A THOUSAND BUMS AND VULGARE BANDITS

THE ARMY OF TCHO IS STRONG, WITH OUR THOUSANDS OF WELL TRAINED SOLDIERS. WHY HESITATE?

OUR SOLDIERS PLOW THE GROUND AND DIG WELLS,

WHY MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR A LONG WAR AGAINST SUCH A PITIFUL ENEMY?

IT'S A WASTE OF OUR SUPREME ARMY

THESE ARE THE ORDERS OF THE GREAT GENERAL KOENTCHU
TS TS
WHY DID THE WISE GENERAL GIVE THOSE ORDERS?
THERE ARE MEN OF BOKK IN THE CITY OF RYO
WHAT! HAS RYO ASKED THE MEN OF BOKK FOR SUPPORT?

THIS WAR HAS UPSET THE MEN OF WHITE. THE MEN FROM THE FAMOUS SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS, MEN WHO HAVE COMMITED THEMSELVES TO BRING BACK PEACE. THE ONES WHO GO BY THE NAME "THE MEN OF BOKK".

THEY WERE DISCIPLES OF MONSHIN WHO LIVED BETWEEN 480 AND 390 BEFORE OUR ERA. ACCORDING TO THEIR PRINCIPALS DEVENEVE. THE MASSACRES OF WAR WERE THE GREATEST CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

THE MEN OF BOKK LIMITED THEIR SERVICES TO SOLELY DEFEND CITIES IN NEED OF HELP. THEIR STRATEGIES WERE ONLY

IT IS SAID THAT THE MEN OF BOKK WORKED FOR RIDICULOUS WAGES AND THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS, BY WORKING UNTIL THEIR OWN DEATHS.

HOW MANY ARE THEY?

FIFTY .. A HUNDRED PERHAPS

GENERAL KOENTCHU WILL SOON ARRIVE WITH A LARGE PART OF THE ARMY, TEN THOUSAND TROOPERS, THEN WE'LL LAUNCH OUR ATTACK

FIFTEEN THOUSAND MUST BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THEM

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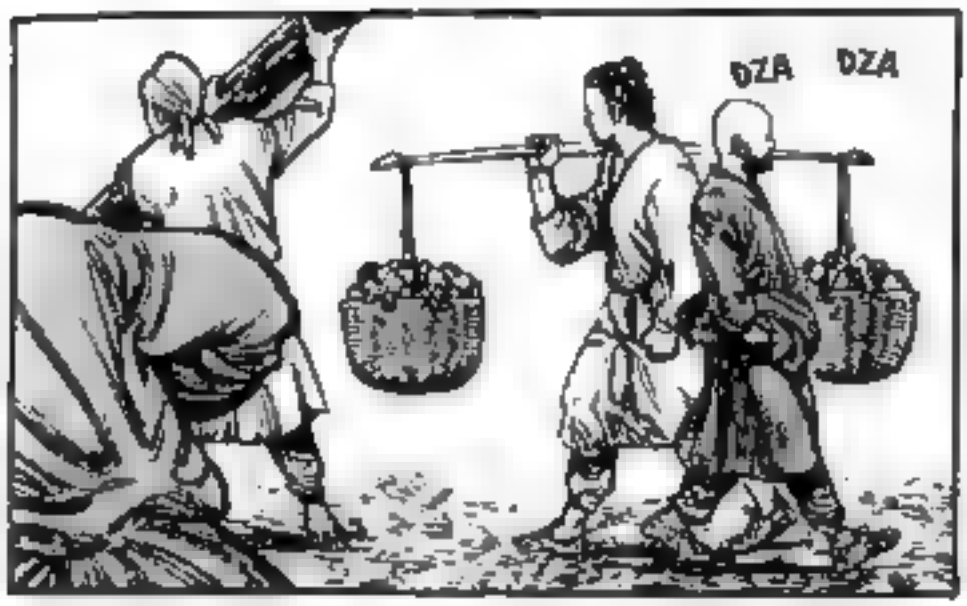
THEN WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN

NIAM

SHIVOUU

IT WILL BE A BATTLE OF GREAT GLORY!

SPLASH


DZA DZA

!

YOU THERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

TCHK

SHLAH
SHLAH

FFL
FFFL

BAYA BAYA BAYA

WHAT IS HE DOING ?

WHO? THAT GUY? IS HE THINKING OF WALKING ACROSS THE RIVER?

THAT'S IDIOTIC! IF THAT WAS POSSIBLE, WE WOULDN'T NEED RAFTS

BESIDES, YOU ARE TOO SHORT, THE RIVER IS WAY TOO DEEP

THE RIVER IS OVER A HUNDRED METERS BROAD, RETURN!

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER, OR YOU'LL CATCH THE FEVERS

RETURN AND GO BACK TO WORK!

DJONG

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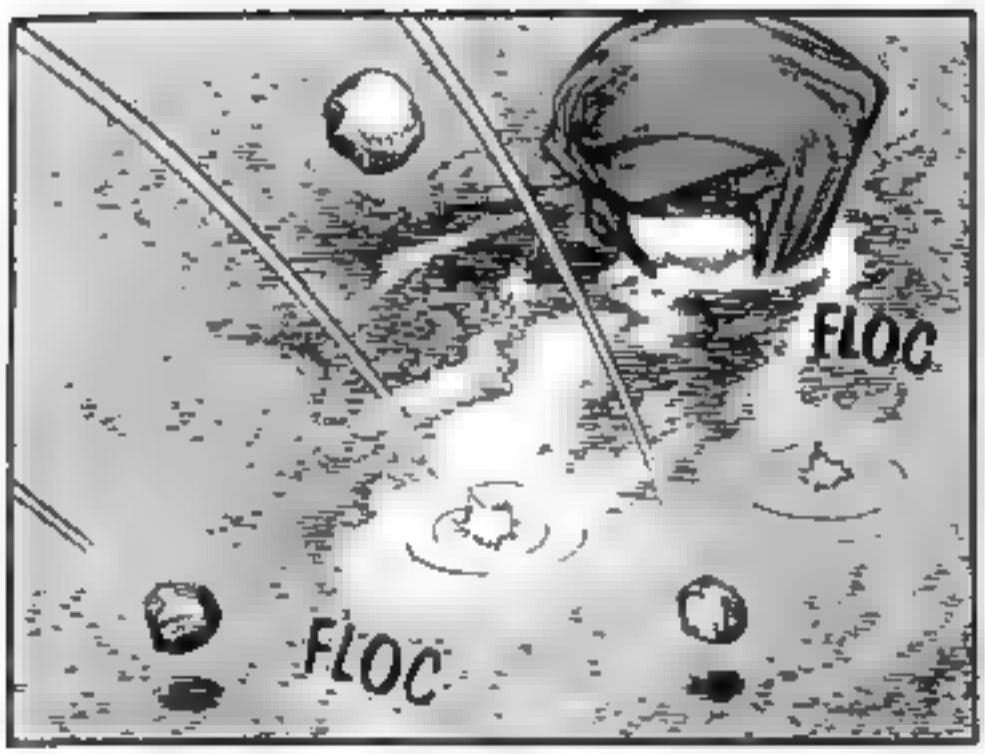
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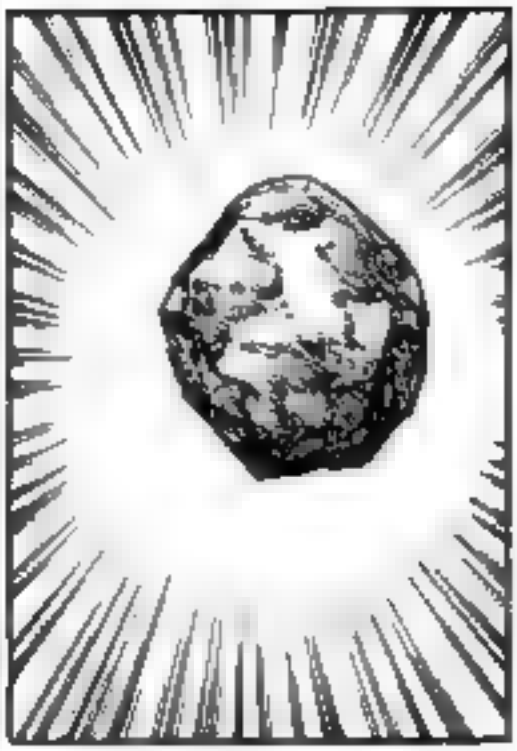
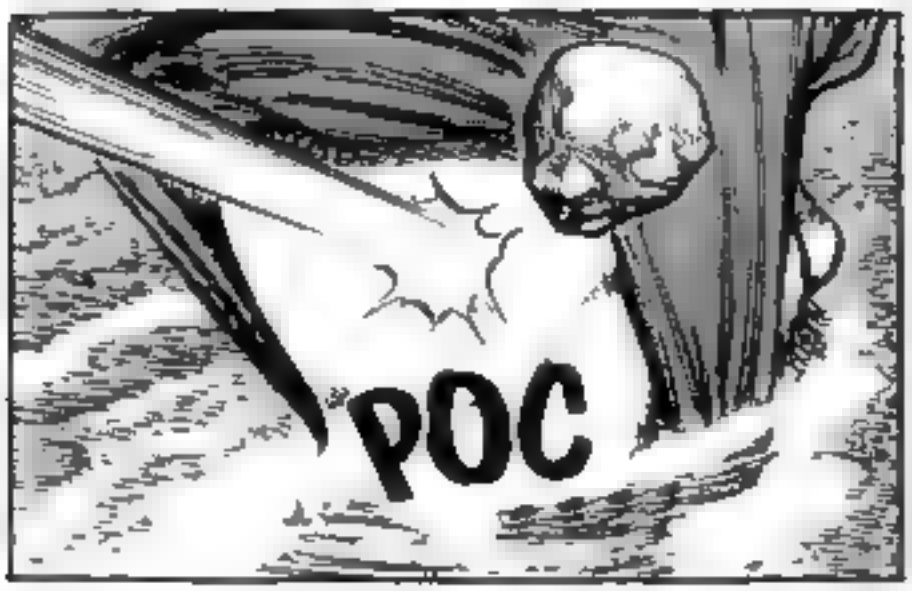



POC

SHOP

GUEUR___K

STRANGE! IT SEEMS LIKE HE SWIMS UPRIGHT!
HE IS NOT AN OTTER, IT'S STILL IMPOSSIBLE!

WHERE DID HE GO?

CAN ANYONE SEE HIM?

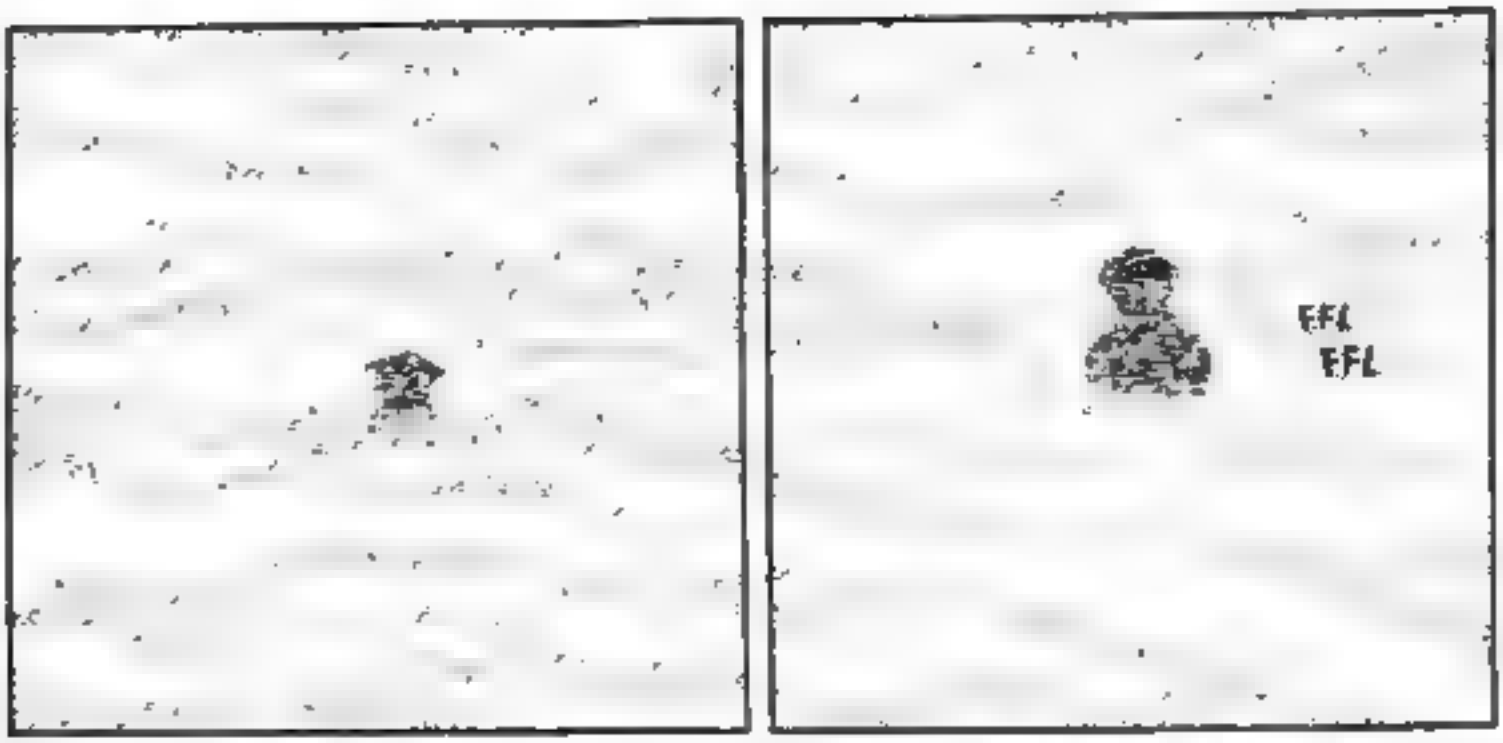
WITH THIS FOG, YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!

HE DROWNED, HE GAVE UP!

LET US HELP HIM

SCREW THAT CRETIN!

GET BACK TO WORK!



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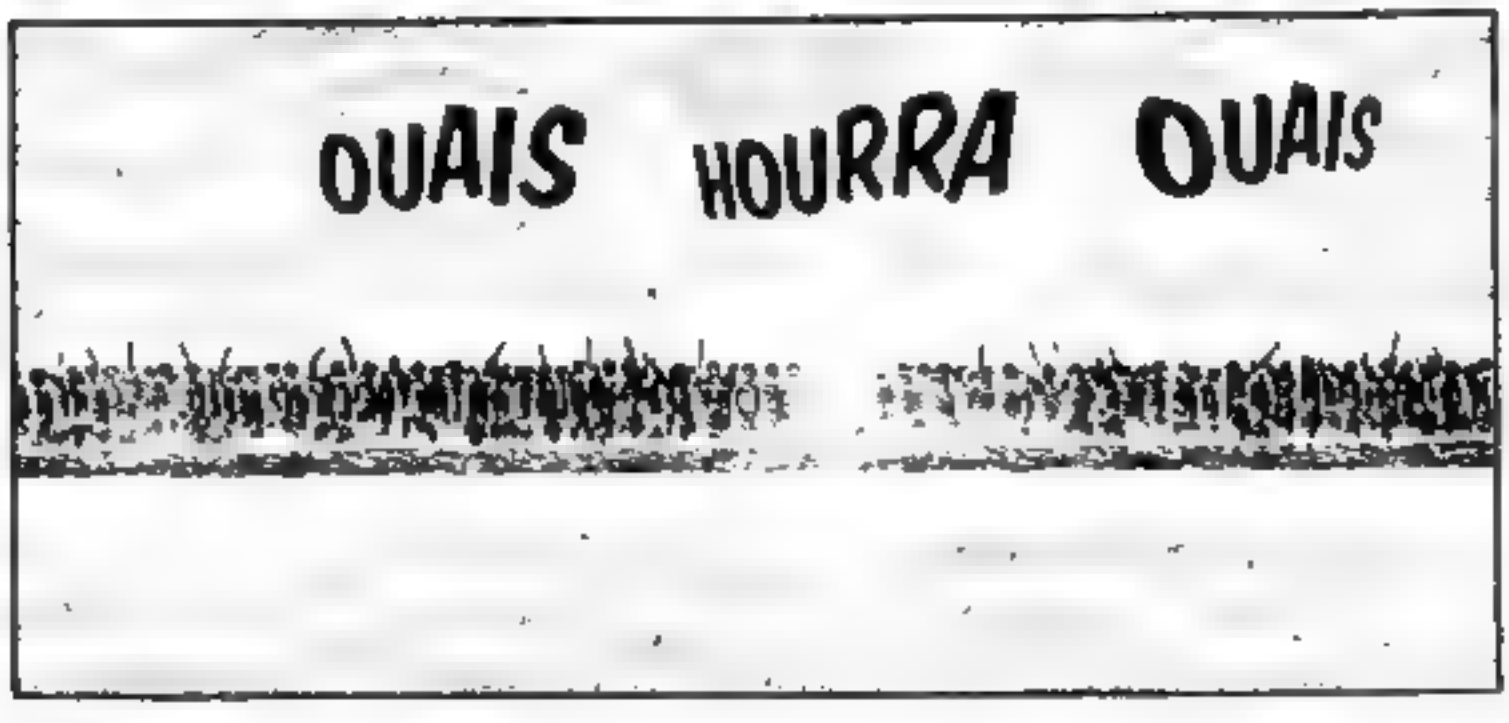
OH! HE DID IT!

HE IS STILL ALIVE



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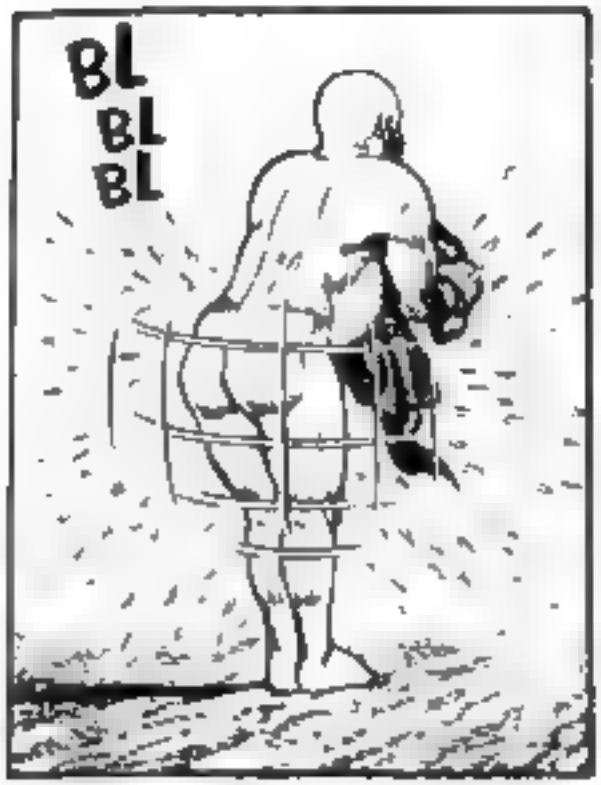
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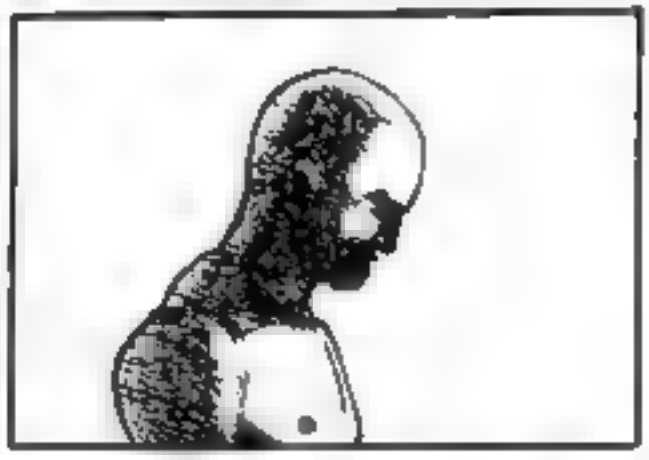

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BUT
WHO
IS THIS
GUY?

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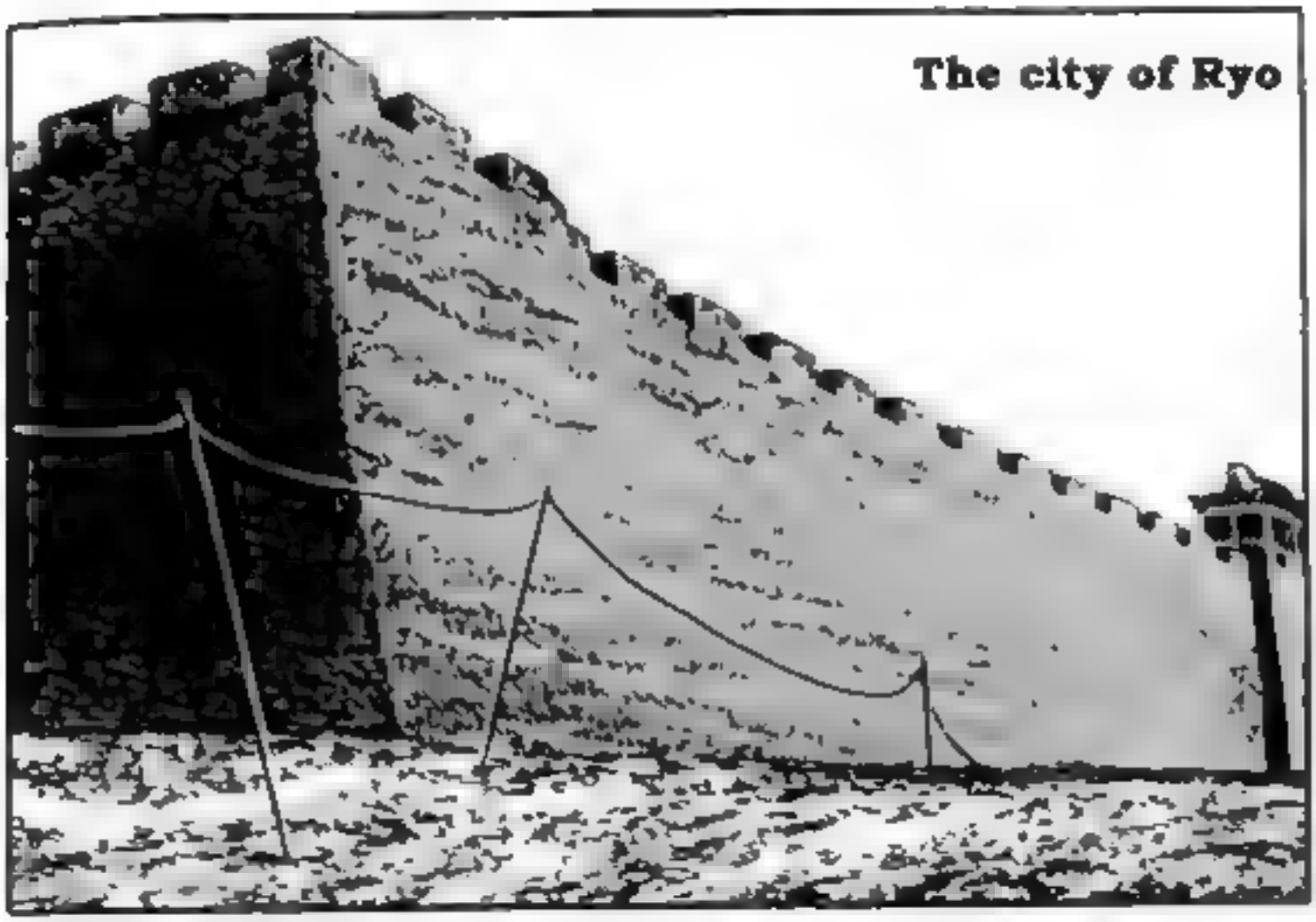
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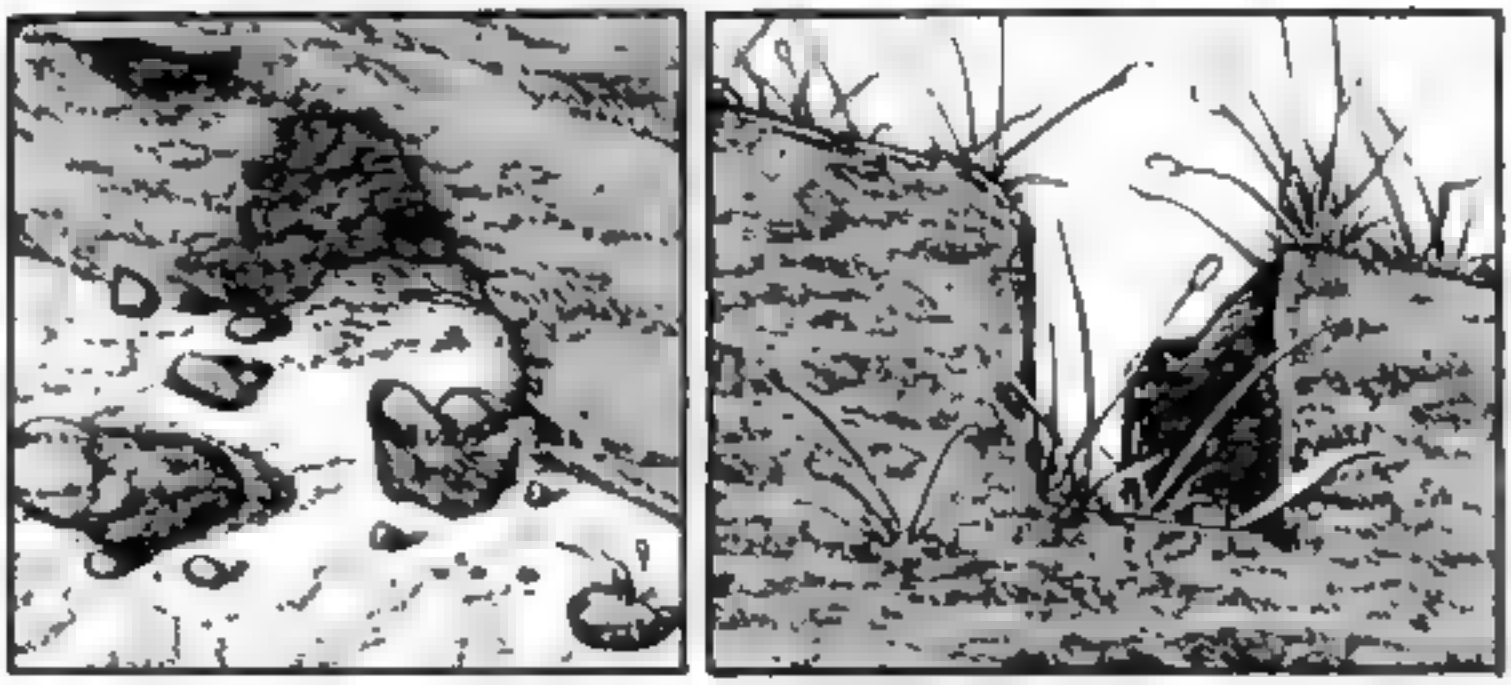
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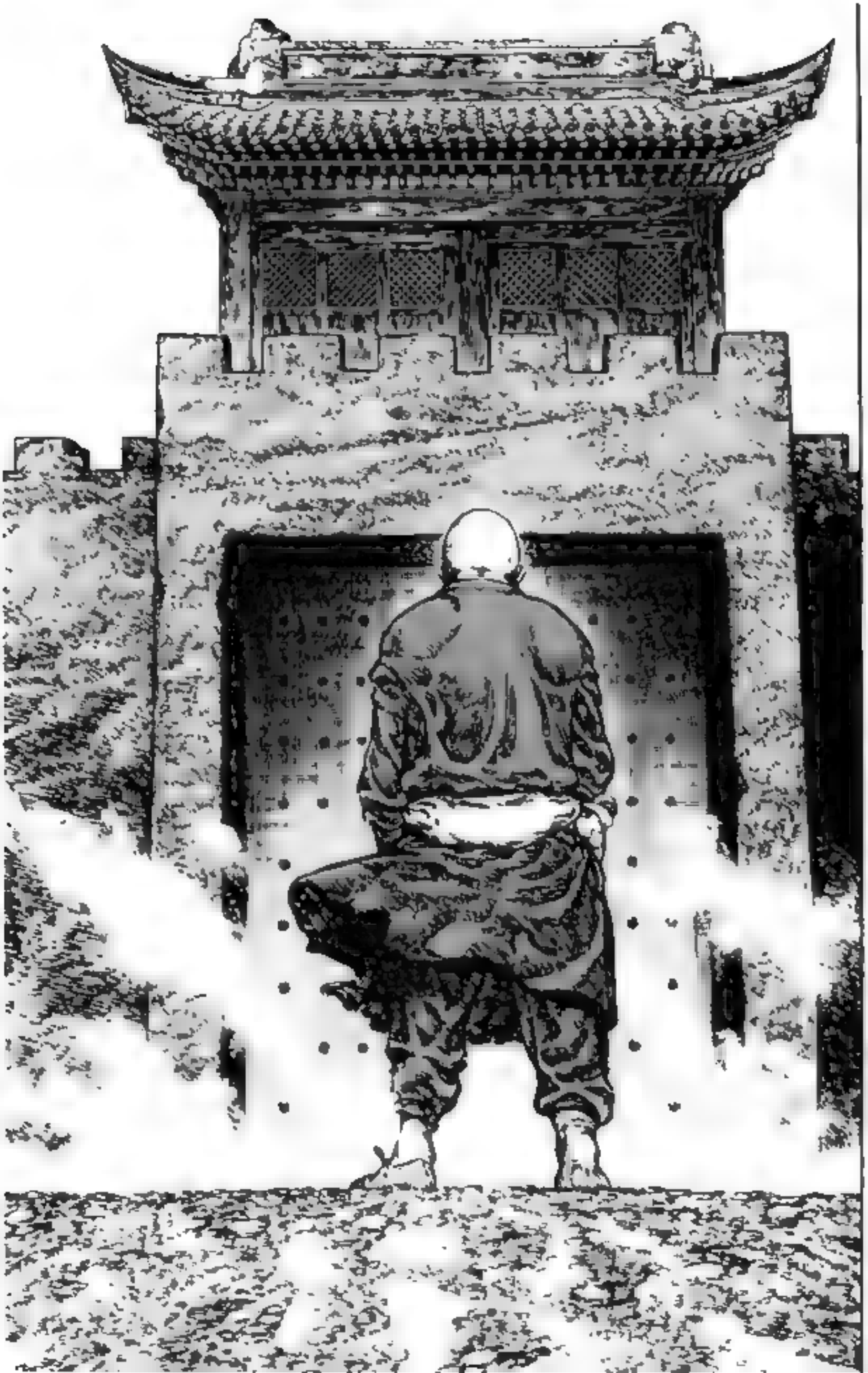

THE MEN OF BOKK ARE HERE!
Ryokei (60 years) king of En
THEY HAVE ARRIVED !!
HAHAHAHA! THE IDIOTS OF TCHO MIGHT AS WELL ATTACK US, IT WONT MATTER
THESE MEN OF BOKK, HOW MANY OF T HEM ARE HERE? 50? 100?
MY CASTLE, MY FORTUNES AND MY WIVES ARE SAVED!
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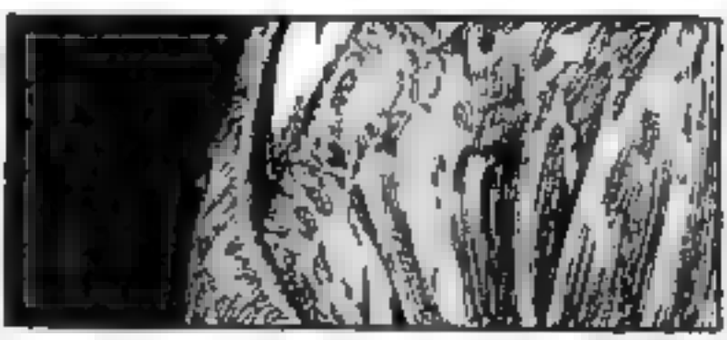

WELL, AND WHERE ARE THE OTHERS ?
ERH . . . YOUR MAJESTY
WH
WHAT ?!?
ONE
ONE
ONLY ONE !!!
HARK!
YOUR MAJESTY !!
LORD RYOKEI !!

ONLY ONE MAN, NOT MORE ?
AND JUST HIM, HE'S SO TINY
IS HE REALLY A MAN OF BOKK ?
HE LOOKS MORE LIKE A BUM
AND TCHO'S ARMY IS BREATHING DOWN OUR NECKS
IT IS THE END OF OUR CITY
BJ
BJ
BJ
I REPRESENT THE SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS CALLED "BOKK", MY NAME IS KAKURI!

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CHAPTER 02
KAKURI'S PROMISE

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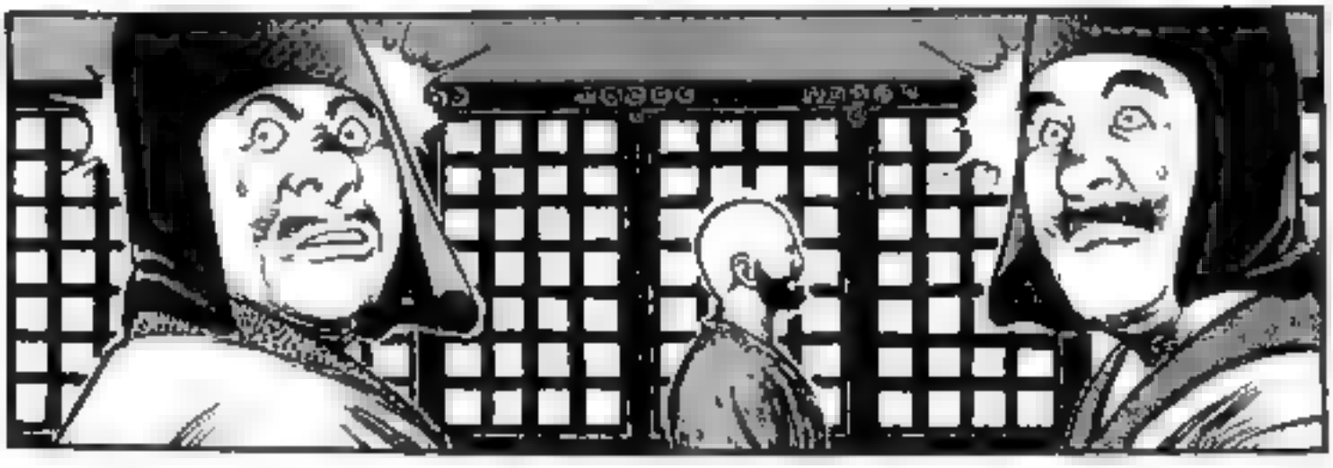
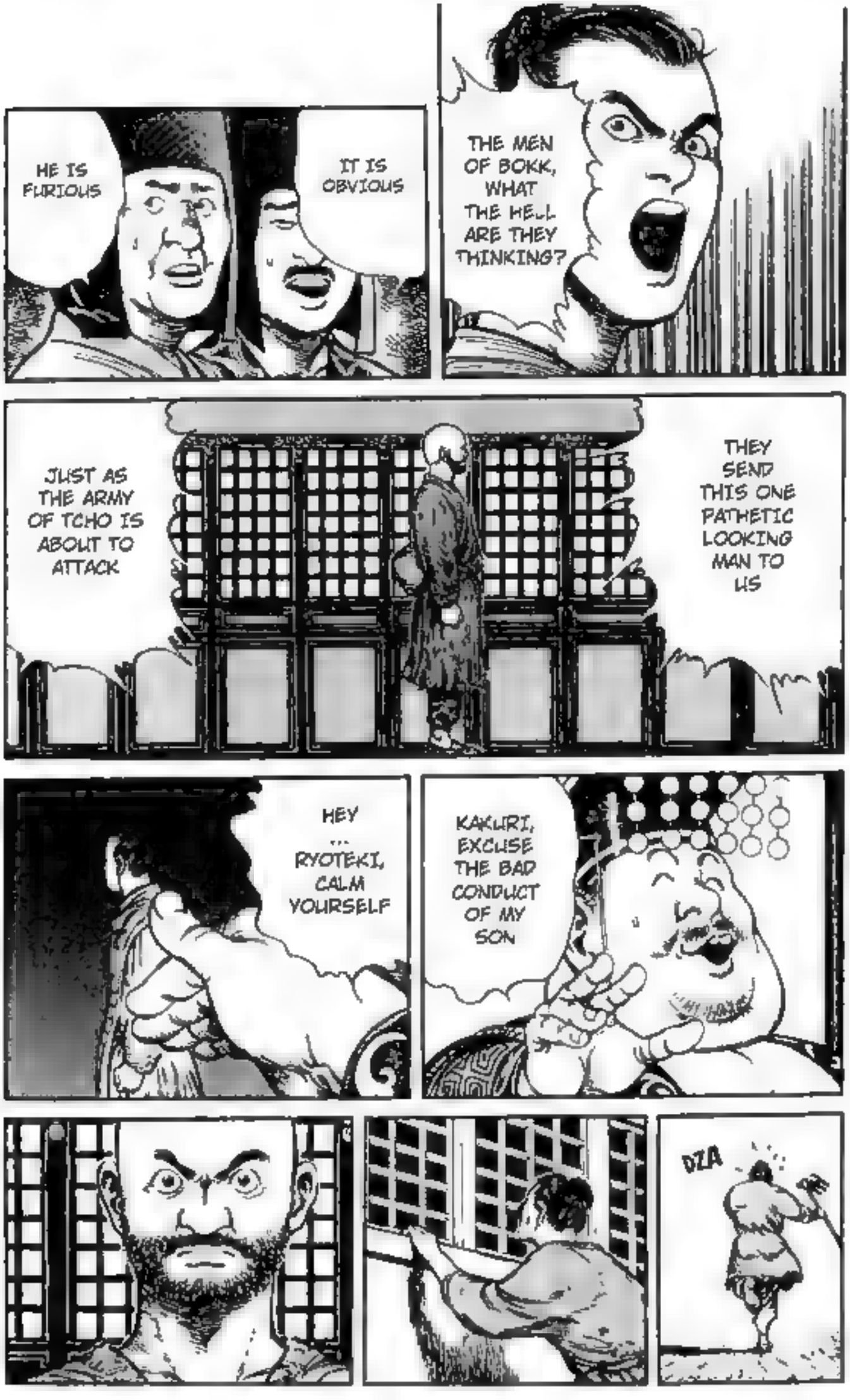
King Ryokei
reign in the
fort of Ryo

HAN
HAN

ZZAH

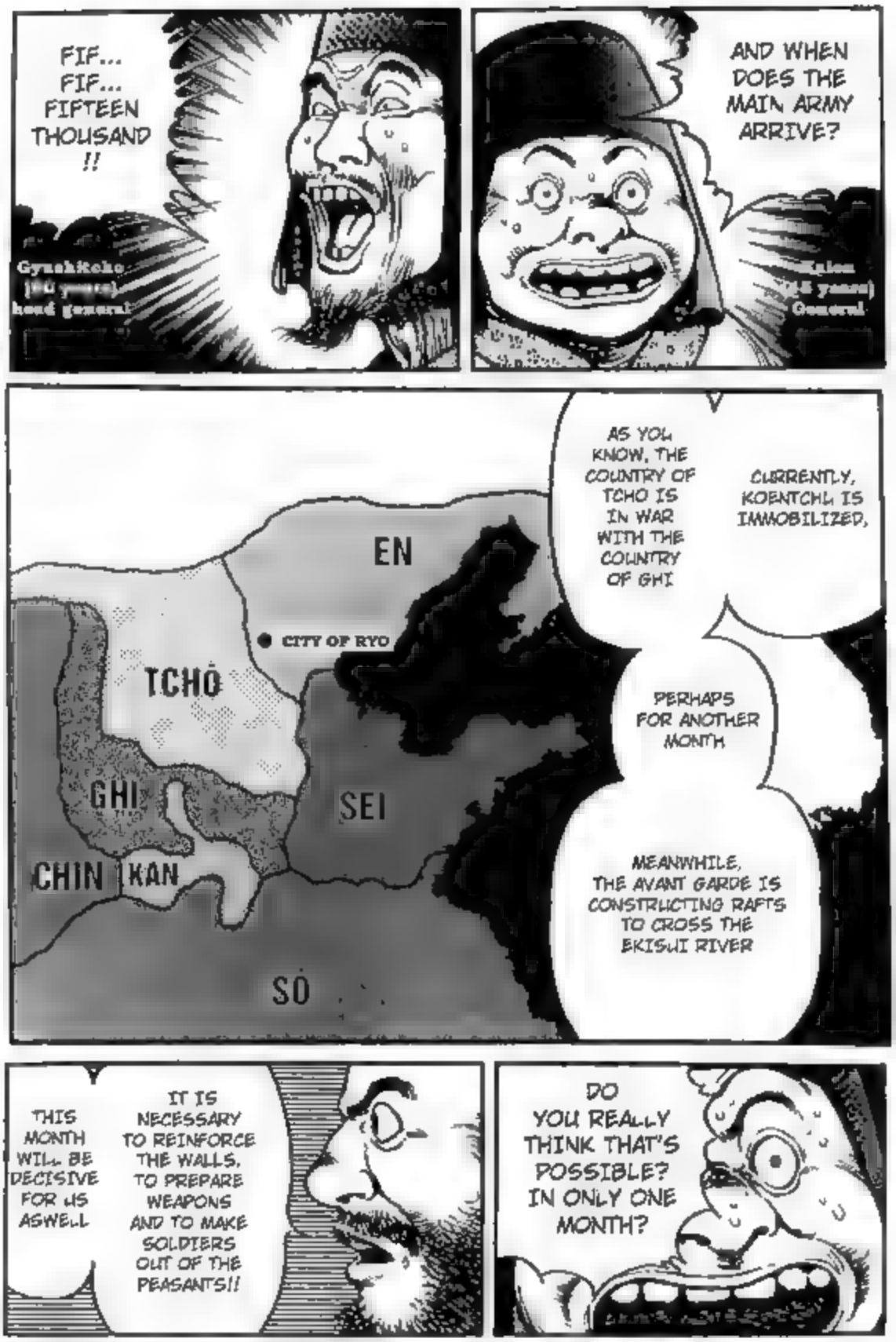
Ryoteki
(22 years)
son of
Ryokei




HE IS FURIOUS
IT IS OBVIOUS
THE MEN OF BOKK, WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY THINKING?
JUST AS THE ARMY OF TCHO IS ABOUT TO ATTACK
THEY SEND THIS ONE PATHETIC LOOKING MAN TO US
HEY ... RYOTEKI, CALM YOURSELF
KAKURI, EXCUSE THE BAD CONDUCT OF MY SON
DZA

I.. IS IT TRUE?
YEAH, PRINCE RYOTEKI WAS SCREAMING AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS
HAN HAN
TCHO'S ARMY IS CLOSE!
A LARGE ARMY IS COMING TO ATTACK US
WHAT ABOUT THE REIN-FORCEMENT?
IT'S WAS ONLY A SMALL GUY HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH
ONLY ONE MAN?
EVEN THE SCHOOL OF BOKK HAS GIVEN UP ON US
HAN HAN
HAN HAN
Saikyu
(21 years)
a peasant
.....

IT IS THE END OF OUR CITY,
WE'LL ALL BE MASSACRED
AÏE AH
I ARRIVE AS ORDERED BY DENJOSHI, THE LEADER OF THE MEN OF BOKK
I ASSURE YOU, I WILL DEFEND THIS CITY
THEY HAVE ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND MEN, WHO ARE WAITING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EKISHI RIVER AT THE MOMENT
THE LARGER PART OF THE ARMY, TEN THOUSAND MEN, IS ON ITS WAY TO THE CAMP LED BY GENERAL KOENTCHU.


FIF...
FIF...
FIFTEEN THOUSAND !!
AND WHEN DOES THE MAIN ARMY ARRIVE?
EN
CITY OF RYO
TCHÖ
GHI
SEI
CHIN
KAN
SÖ
AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTRY OF TCHO IS IN WAR WITH THE COUNTRY OF GHI
CURRENTLY, KOENTCHU IS IMMOBILIZED,
PERHAPS FOR ANOTHER MONTH
MEANWHILE, THE AVANT GARDE IS CONSTRUCTING RAFTS TO CROSS THE EKISUI RIVER
THIS MONTH WILL BE DECISIVE FOR US ASWELL
IT IS NECESSARY TO REINFORCE THE WALLS, TO PREPARE WEAPONS AND TO MAKE SOLDIERS OUT OF THE PEASANTS!!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE? IN ONLY ONE MONTH?

IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE, YOU MUST PUT ME IN POWER OF THIS CITY

WHAT?

GENERAL GYUSHITCHO WILL HAVE TO OBEY ME

MOREOVER, EVEN YOUR MAJESTY WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS

HARK !!!

WHAT IMPU-DENCE!

SHUT YOUR MOUTH !!

KAKURI! YOUR REQUEST IS OUT OF THE QUESTION !!!

WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS, BUT THE KING, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE!

IN THAT CASE, I WILL ASK YOU TO WITHDRAW

WAIT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

AHEM ...

KAKURI, THIS LONG VOYAGE MUST HAVE EXHAUSTED YOU

MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU TAKE A REST

SHUI
SHUI
IS HE THE MAN OF BOKK? WHAT A WASHOUT!
EVEN I LOOK MORE FIT FOR THE JOB
YOU WILL SLEEP IN HERE
IN THE STABLE?
IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THAT ?
NO, NO, THIS WILL BE FINE
FLATCH

BRRR

WHAT A STRANGE GUY!

THERE WAS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR THIS MAN OF BOKK

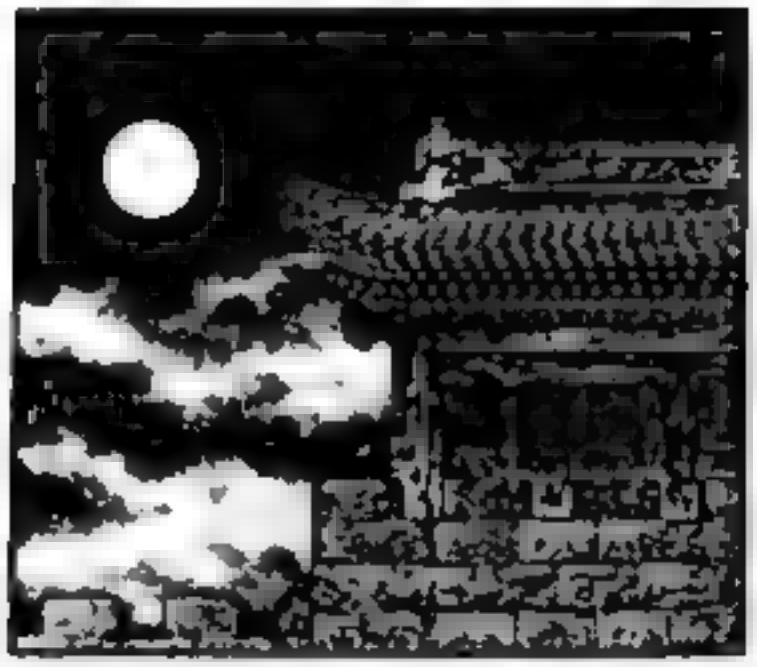
IT'S USELESS TO AWAIT THE ORDERS OF THE KING!

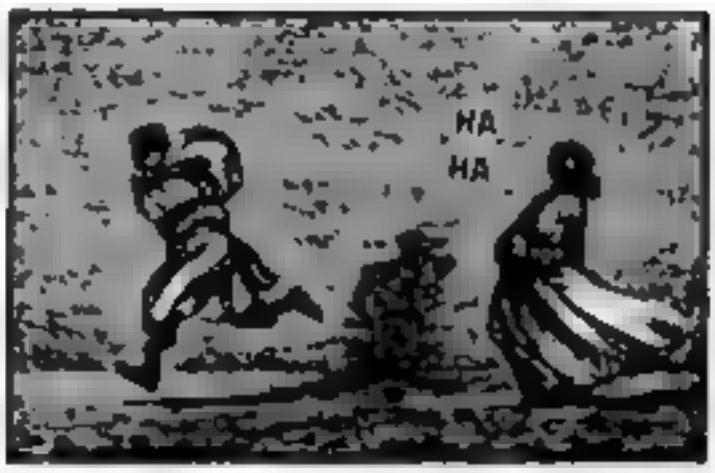
WE WILL DEFEND OUR CITY BY OURSELVES

WE USED OUR HANDS TO PLOW OUR FIELDS, NOW OUR HANDS WILL DEFEND THEM

LET US REAP THE ARMY OF TCHO!

LET US REAP THE ARMY OF TCHO!



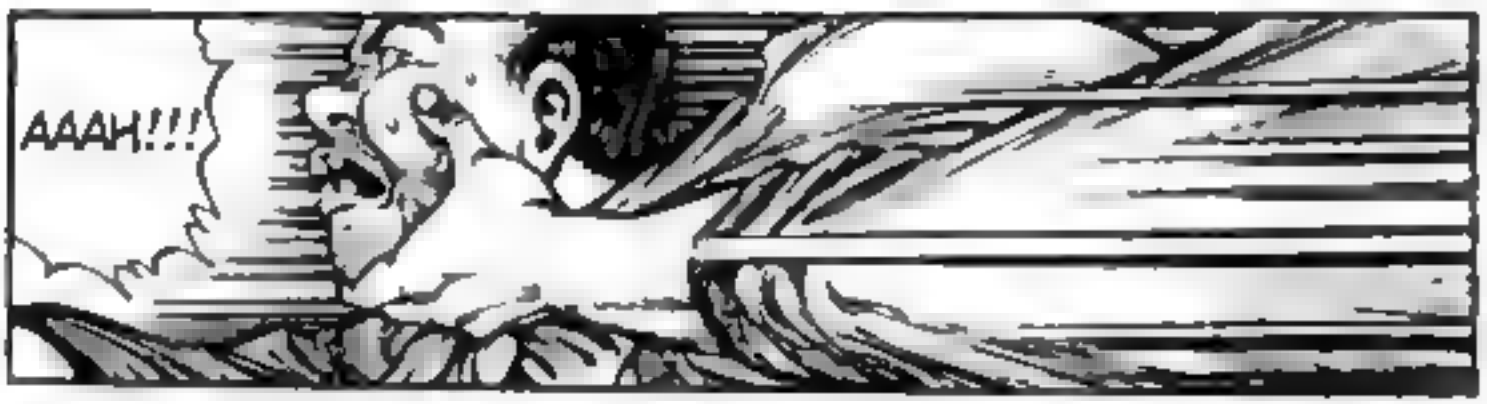

HA
HA

AAAH!

IT'S TIME, THE BABY IS COMING
YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE!

SOON THE MASSACRE WILL START !!!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE

WHO GOES THERE!


AAAH!!!

SAIKYU! IS THAT YOU? ARE YOU TRYING TO ESCAPE?

PLEASE, STAY AWAY FROM MY BELLY!

BAYA BAYA

TRAITOR!

GHIA

TRAITOR!

GHIA

AAARH!!!

HE WILL BE CONFINED!
WAKE HER UP!
TSA
TSA
TSA

NN
NN
NN

NN

HI!
AH-AH!

HMPF
HMPF

ZU
OH! OVER THERE!

IT IS THE ARMY OF TCHO!
THE ARMY OF TCHO IS ATTACKING !!

AAAH!

AAAH!

THEY WILL KILL US ALL!

HELP!

THEY'LL KILL US!

PAFF

OUNTCH

GLUB

LOOK! WHAT IS HE DOING?

THEY ARE SPIES FROM TCHO

LOOK AT THEIR HANDS, THEY ARE TOO SMOOTH, WITHOUT CALLUS, THEY ARE NOT THE HANDS OF A PEASANT

THERE ARE SURELY MORE OF THEM,

FIND THEM!

OOH! DID THE MEN OF TCHO ALREADY ENTER OUR CITY?

DON'T PANIC !!!

THEIR ARMY, HAS NOT CROSSED THE EKISUI RIVER YET,

THE HEADS ON THE STICKS ARE ONLY FOR PROVO-CATION

THEY WILL NOT ATTACK FOR ANOTHER MONTH

DURING THIS TIME, WE'LL HAVE TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME

OUR COUNTRY IS POOR

WE CAN'T FIGHT

WE'LL NEVER WIN AGAINST TCHO'S ARMY

PSS

QUINN

QUINN

HUH?

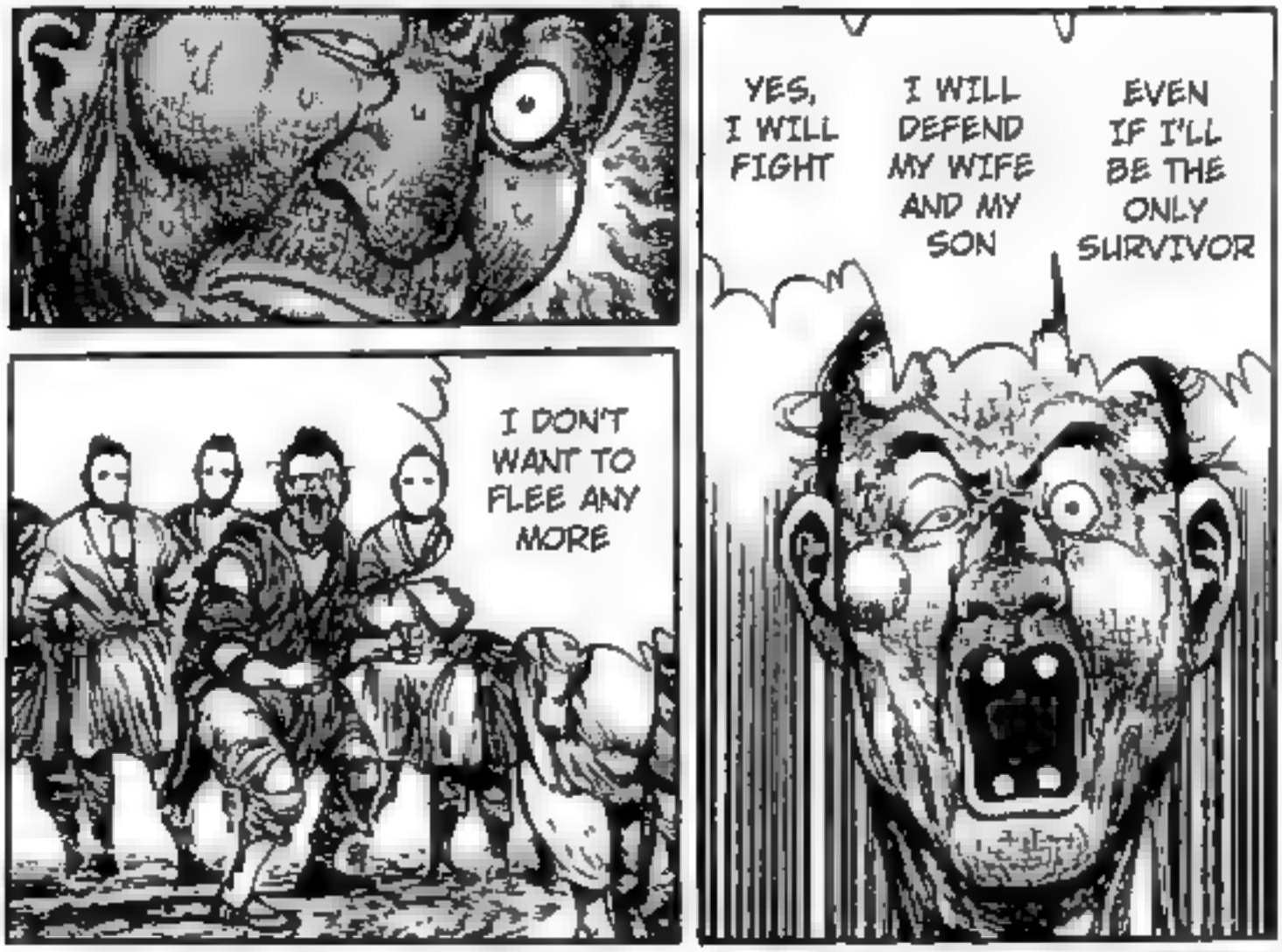
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

HAS MY WIFE DELIVERED YET?
ARGH ARGH
YES, EVERY-THING WENT WELL,
IT WAS HARD, BUT THAT IS ONE LARGE BOY YOU GOT

HOP

HEREBY I DECLARE THAT I WILL DEFEND THIS LIFE!

IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, THEN DO AS I SAY


I DON'T WANT TO FLEE ANY MORE
YES, I WILL FIGHT
I WILL DEFEND MY WIFE AND MY SON
EVEN IF I'LL BE THE ONLY SURVIVOR

ME ... ME TOO
I'LL FIGHT TOO!

I ALSO WANT TO FIGHT
HE DEFEATED THREE STRONG MEN IN A SECOND!
YEAH! LET US FOLLOW THE MAN OF BOKK, WE WILL SURVIVE!
THIS LAND IS ALL WE HAVE
TO HELL WITH TCHO

Finally, Kakuri had gained his first few men.
But it was still just the first step towards building up a resistance against the large army of Tcho
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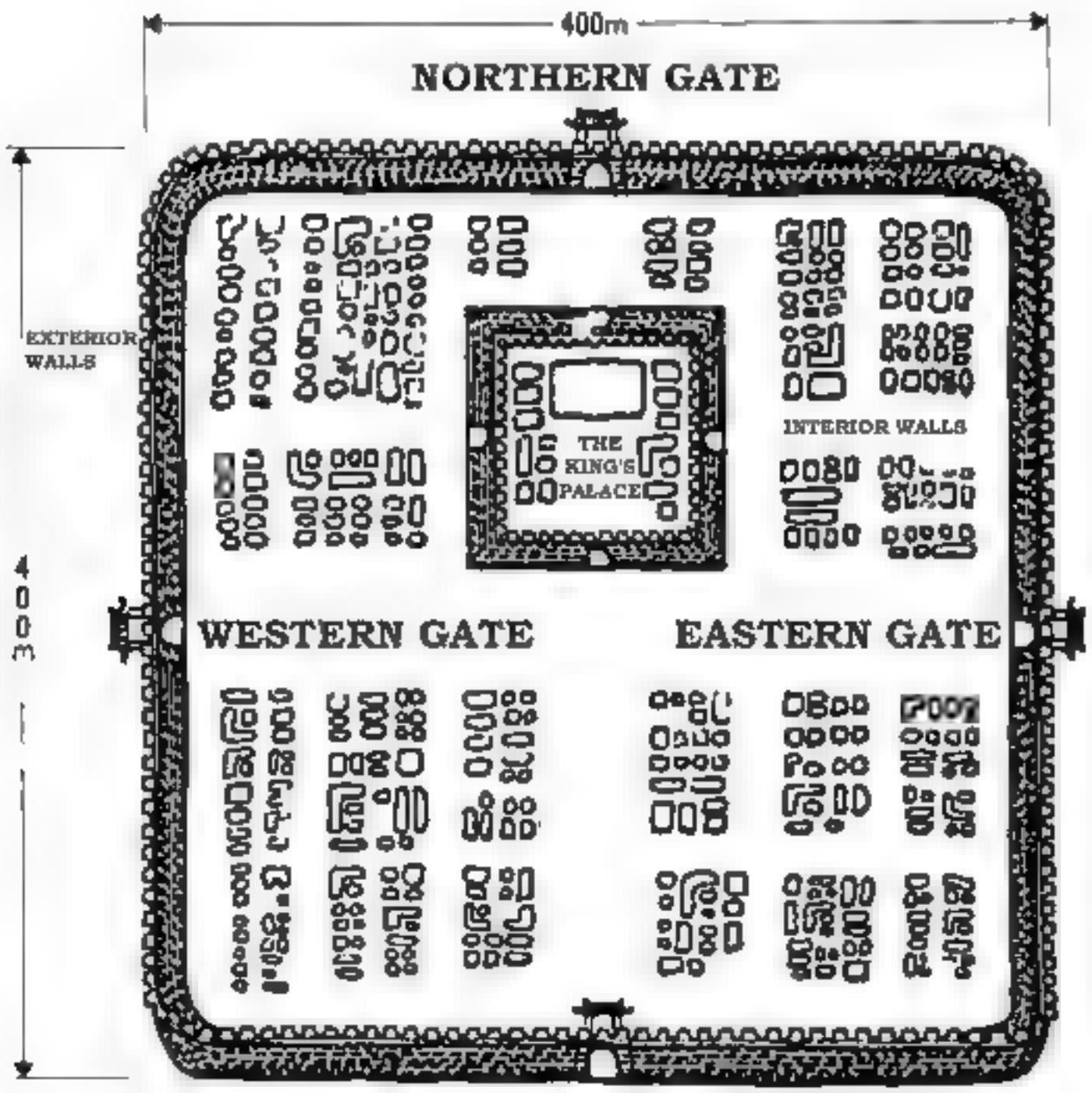

THE CITY OF RYO

CHAPTER 03:
KAKURI REPAIRS THE CITY WALLS

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IN ONE MONTH, FIFTEEN THOUSAND WARRIORS WILL ATTACK US?!?

THEREFORE, WE CAN'T SPARE A SINGLE MOMENT!

IT IS THE GREAT DENJOSHI, THE HEAD OF THE MEN OF BOKK, WHO SENT THIS BRAVE MAN, KAKURI, TO US. I WILL GIVE HIM FULL POWER!

THESE ARE MY ORDERS

BRR

WITH YOUR HELP EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT FINE, MY DEAR KAKURI!

HOH

HOH

FATHER, HAVE YOU GIVEN UP YOUR ROYAL PRIDE?

D... D... DON'T SAY THAT RYOTEKI!

HE HE HE

INSTEAD OF TRUSTING THIS MAN WHO'S BARELY BEEN HERE A DAY

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER TRUST YOUR OWN SON?

CHEERS, WELL SAID!

I AGREE WITH YOU, PRINCE RYOTEKI

I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY REAL POWER FROM THE MEN OF BOKK
ALL I SAW, WAS A MAN WHO OVERCAME THREE SPIES YESTERDAY EVENING
THAT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR A WHOLE CITY TO DEPEND ON!
MOAH HA HA HA!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!!
THEN I WILL HAVE TO PROVE IT TO YOU
I WILL DEMONSTRATE MY TALENTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY
WELL, WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT...

PRINCE RYOTEKI, LET US SEE WHICH ONE OF US IS MORE SUITABLE TO BE IN COMMAND

WE SHALL HAVE A PUBLIC DUEL

CLING

GENERAL GYU, TELL THE PEOPLE TO GATHER IN THE COURTYARD

THAT IS AN ORDER!

CHUI CHUI

IS EVERYONE HERE?

HOW MANY ARE THEY?

SHHIIOOUUU

4500 MEN IN ALL, BUT ONLY 1500 SOLDIERS.

SHHIIOOUUU

HOW WILL WE FIGHT, WITH OUR BARE HANDS?

AS YOU ALL CAN SEE

THE PALACE IS SURROUNDED BY FIRM BRICK WALLS

BUT THE EAST WALL OF THE CITY IS SEVERELY DAMAGED

IF THE SOLDIERS OF TCHO DECIDES TO BESIEGE US, THEY WILL BREAK THROUGH EASILY

SO OUR TOP PRIORITY IS TO REPAIR THE WALLS OF THE CITY

DIVIDE THE PEOPLE IN TWO HALVES, WITH ONE REPAIRING THE EAST SIDE, AND THE OTHER THE WEST, THEN WE'LL COMPARE OUR RESULTS

HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?

I WANT TO KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM TCHO'S MEN

WE'LL START AT DUSK AND WORK UNTIL DAWN.

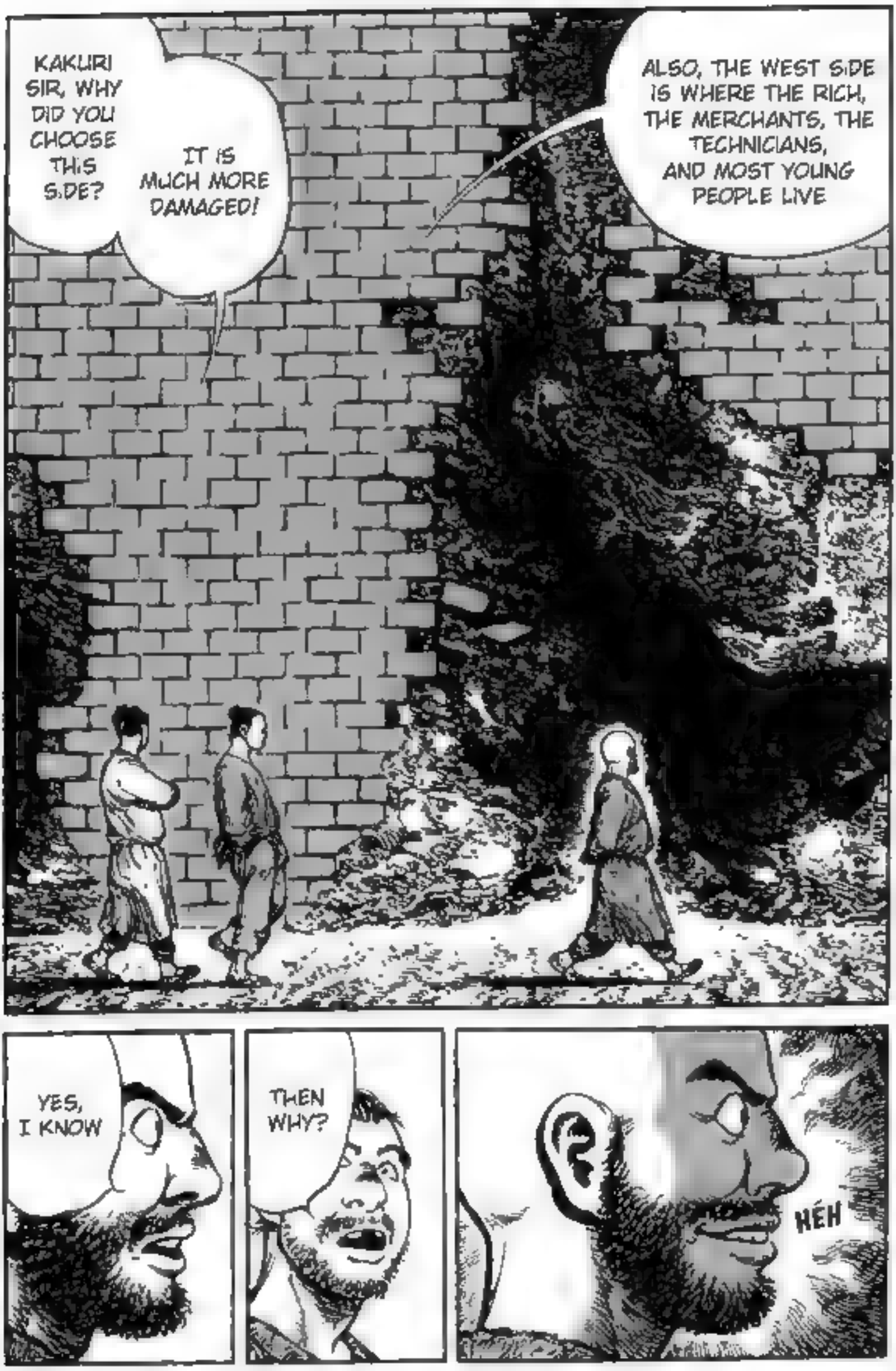
WHAT? ONLY ONE NIGHT?

YES, THEN WE'LL SEE WHO IS THE WINNER

HI

THEN, THE PRINCE WILL COMMAND THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST WHICH WILL REPAIR THE WESTERN WALL,

MEANWHILE, YOU WILL TAKE THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST WHICH WILL REPAIR THE EASTERN WALL


KAKURI SIR, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS SIDE?
IT IS MUCH MORE DAMAGED!
ALSO, THE WEST SIDE IS WHERE THE RICH, THE MERCHANTS, THE TECHNICIANS, AND MOST YOUNG PEOPLE LIVE
YES, I KNOW
THEN WHY?
HÉH

BRRR
THERE ARE EIGHT LARGE CRACKS!
DIVIDE OUR PEOPLE INTO EIGHT TEAMS AND START WORKING ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUCTIONS!
THE SUN IS SETTING, YOU CAN START WORKING NOW!
HOURRA
HOURRA

PAN PAN
DZA DZA

DZA
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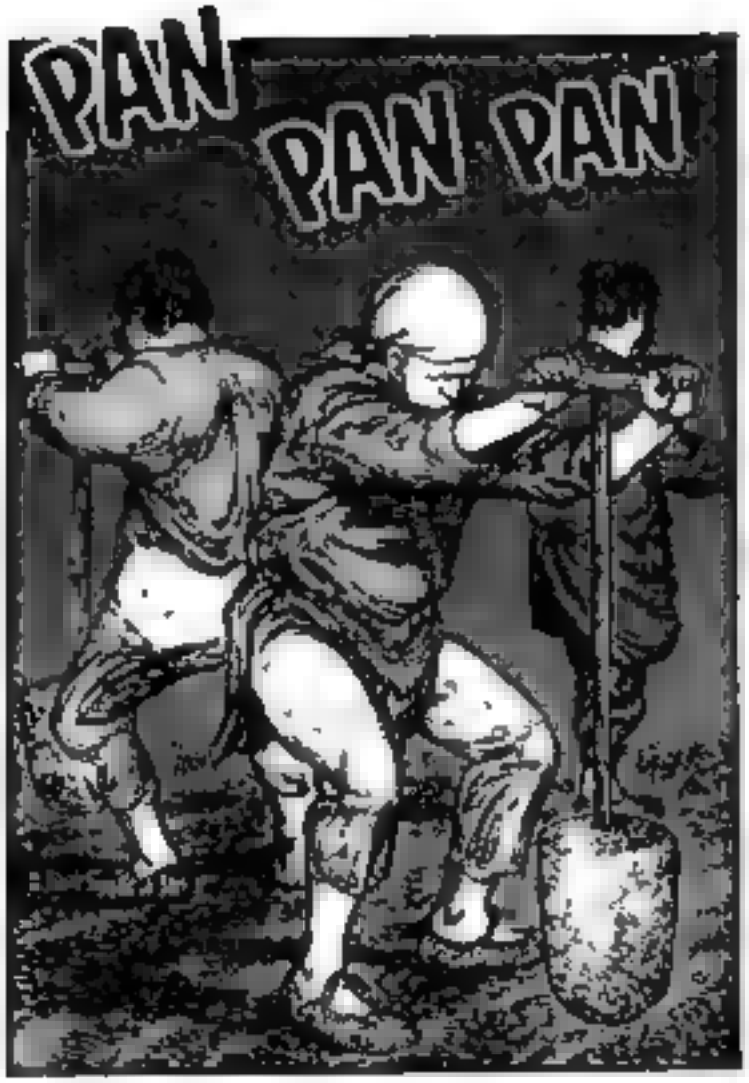
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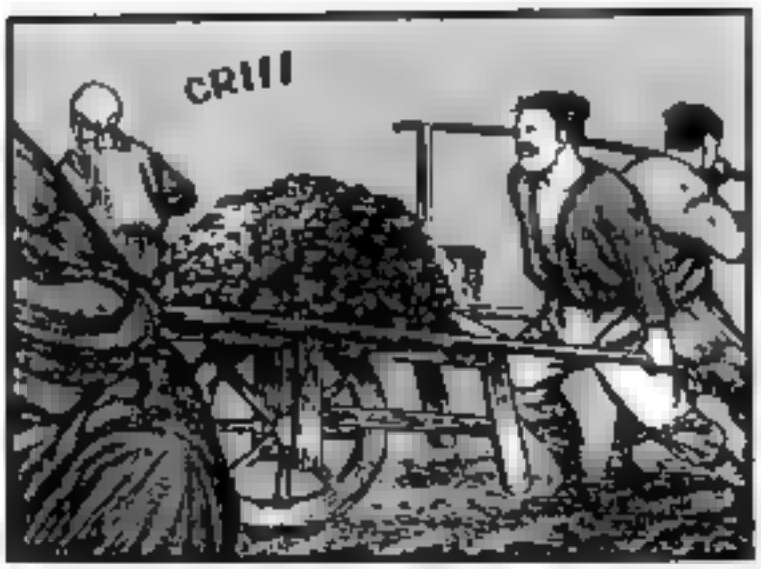
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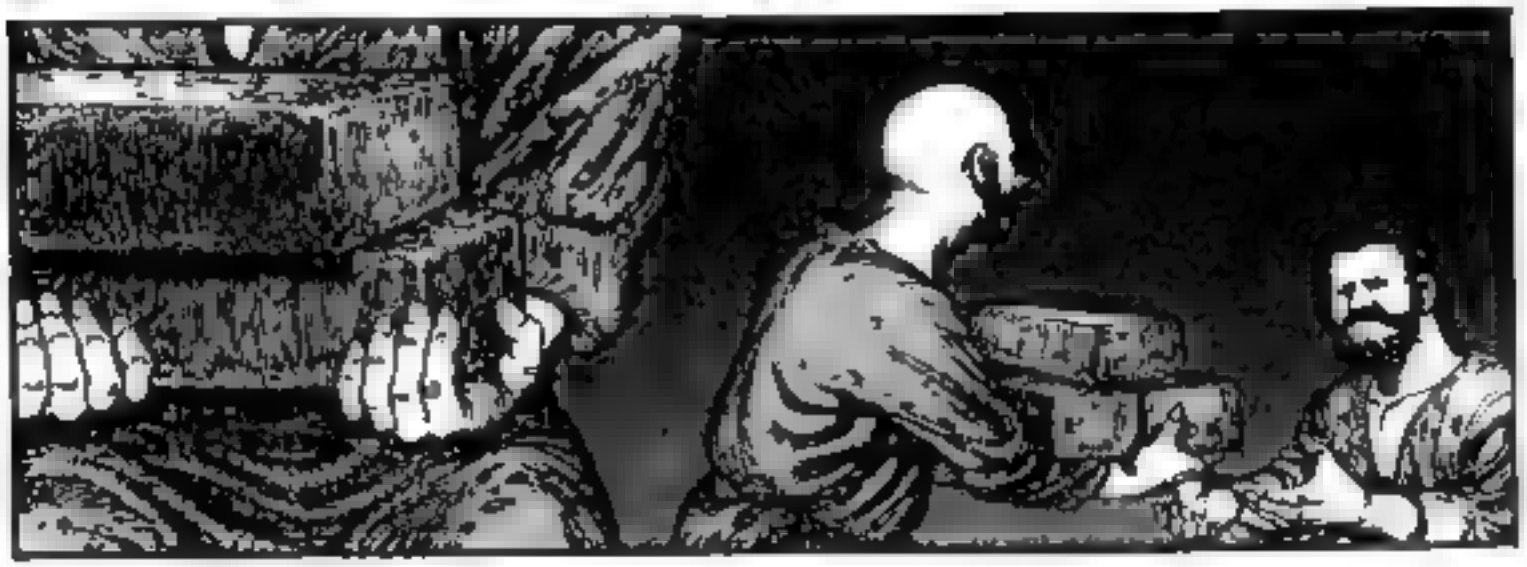
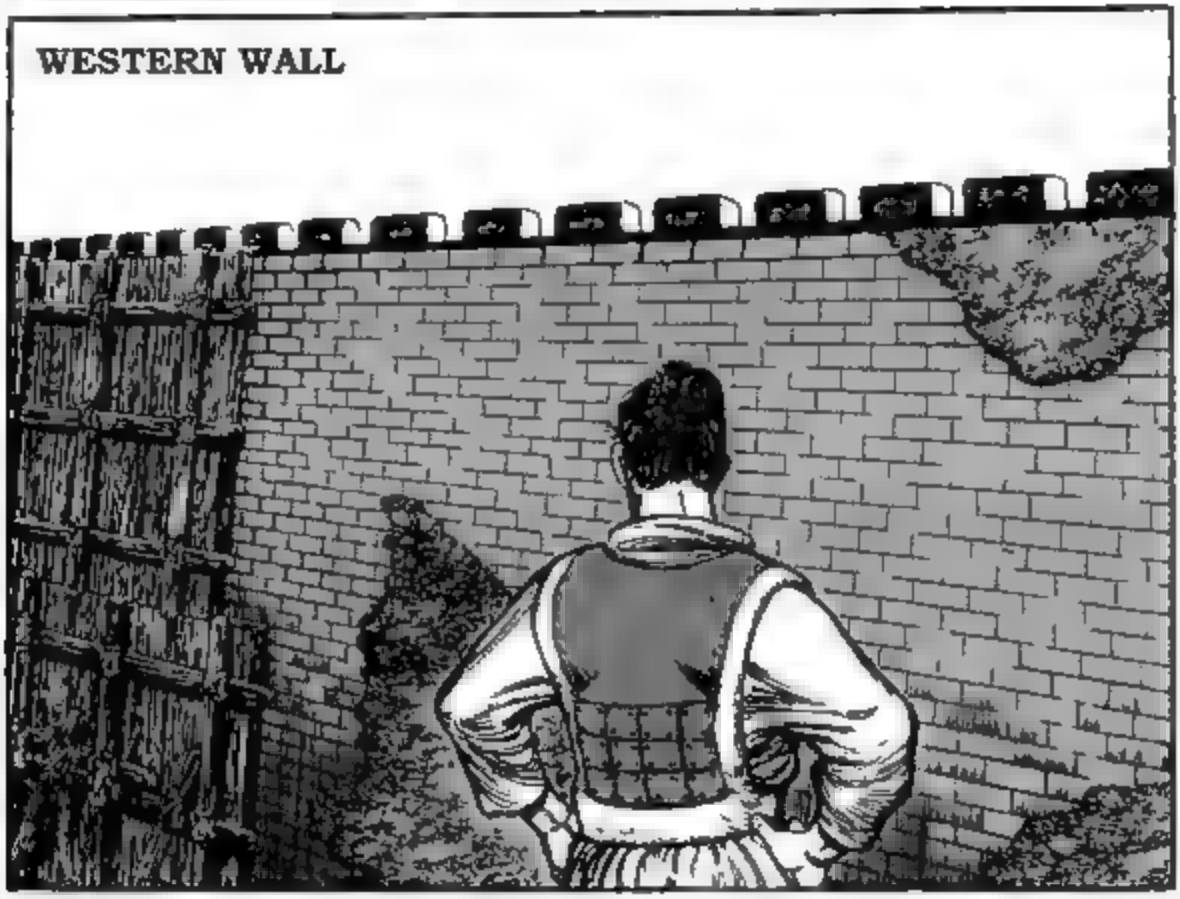


THE SUN IS RISING, CEASE WORKING!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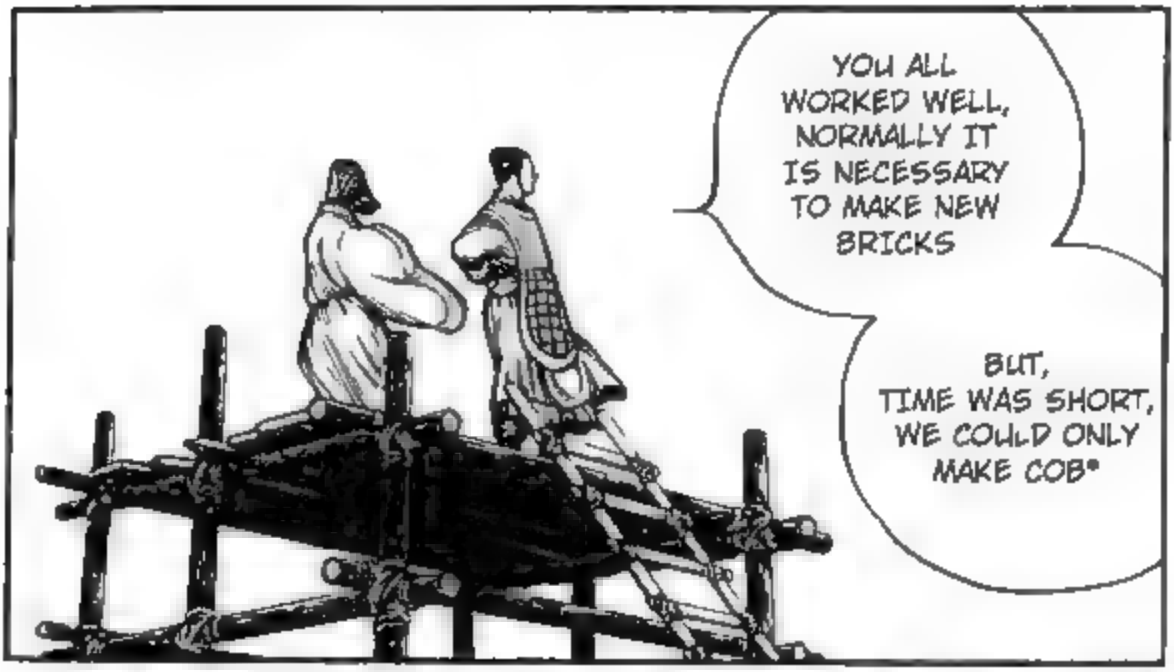
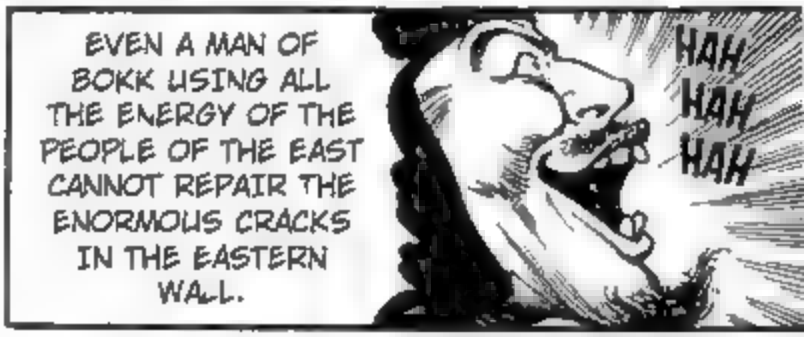



EVEN A MAN OF BOKK USING ALL THE ENERGY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST CANNOT REPAIR THE ENORMOUS CRACKS IN THE EASTERN WALL.
HAH HAH HAH

* A SUBSTITUTE FOR BRICKS, MADE OF STRAW AND MUD

EASTERN WALL

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO SOMETHING, YOU CAN DO IT!

POK

HONESTLY, I COULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THIS BEFORE WE BEGAN

WE OWE IT ALL TO MISTER KAKURI

A REAL MAN OF BOKK, NOW WE'RE FINALLY SAFE AGAIN

HAN HAN

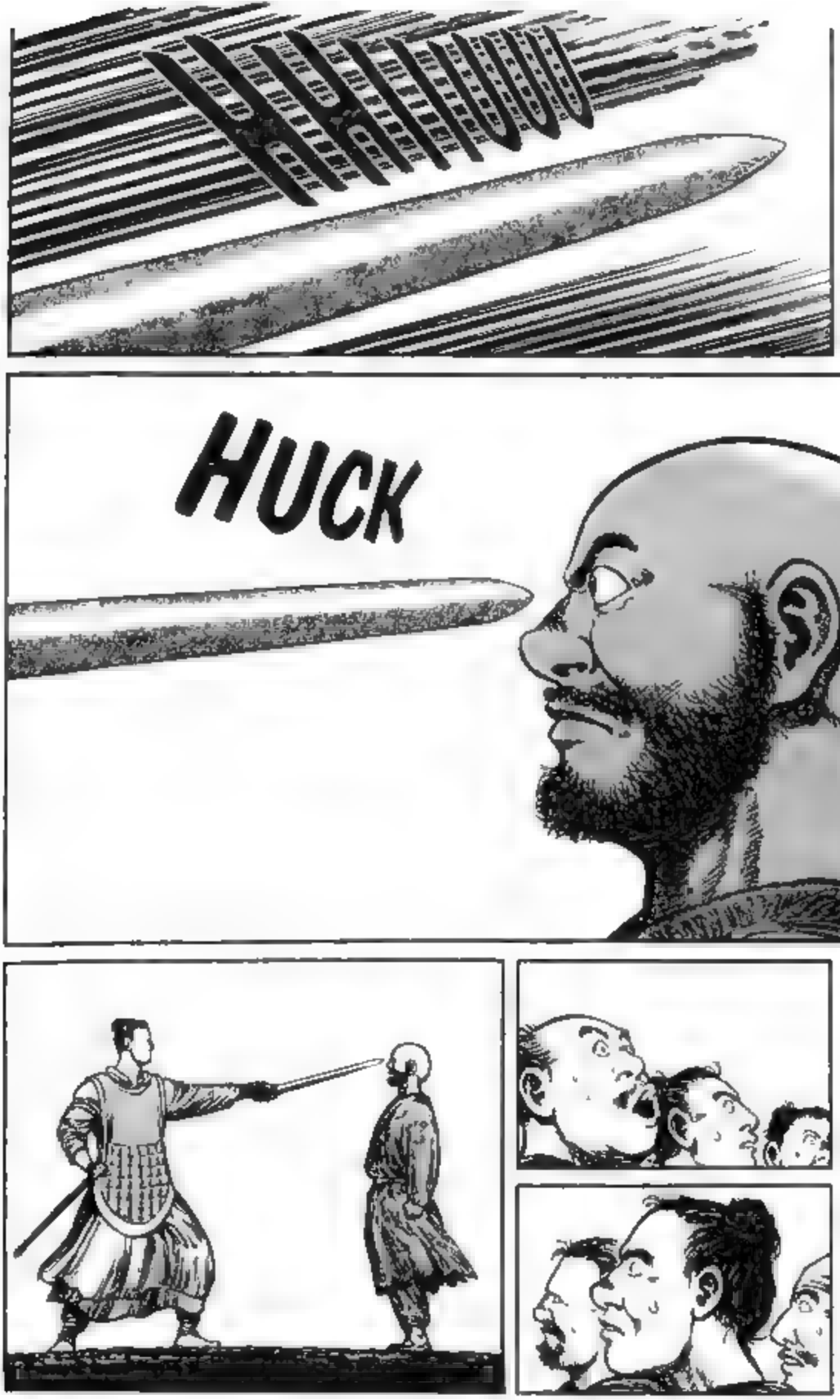
WITH HIM AS OUR LEADER, WE COULD EVEN DEFEAT TCHO'S ARMY

DADZA DADZA DADZA

WHERE DID YOU GET ALL THESE SUPERB BRICKS?

INCREDIBLE! IT IS EVEN BETTER THAN THE WESTERN WALL!

AH!
WHAT ?
THE WALLS ARROUND THE PALACE!
TO ALLOW HIMSELF TO USE
THE BRICKS FROM THE WALLS THAT PROTECTS OUR KING! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?
KAKU RIIII !!!


HUCK

"THERE, THERE, PRINCE, SHEATHE THY SWORD"

BL BL

BL BL

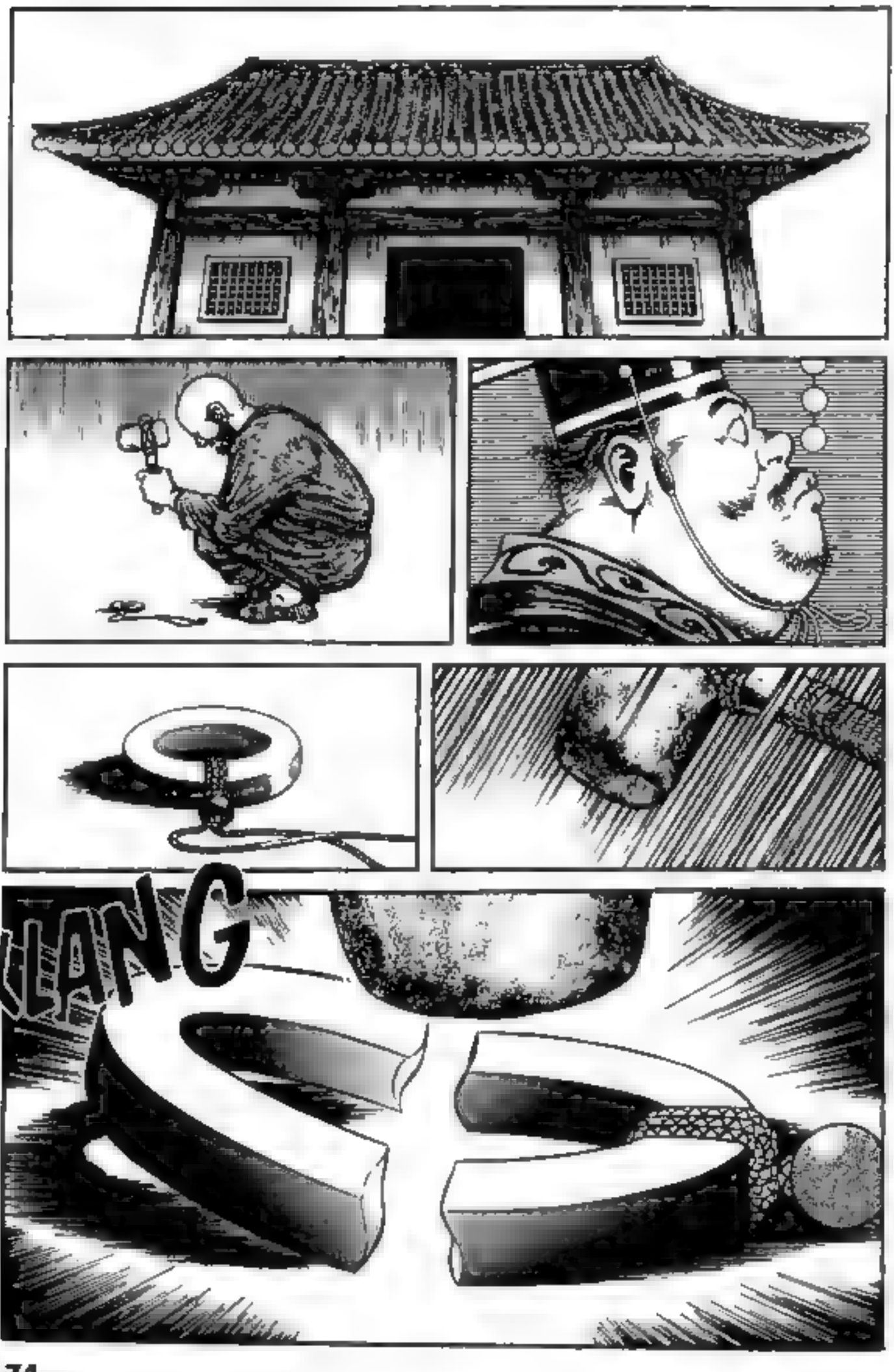
WHAT! THE OLD ONE IS STILL ALIVE! SHE MUST BE OVER A HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS OLD!

ARGH BL BL

"THERE IS NO NEED TO FIGHT. OUR ROYAL FAMILY SHALL ALWAYS SURVIVE.

IT WAS A WISE DECISION TO USE THE BRICKS FROM THE PALACE'S WALLS."

ARGH BL
BL
BL
"WE DO NOT HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE ON THINGS LIKE ANGER. ACCEPT IT QUIETLY SO WE MAY CONTINUE.
EVEN AFTER ANOTHER MONTH, MANY THINGS WILL STILL SURPRISE US."
"CURRENTLY, THE SURPRISING THING IS THAT HE HAS THE POWER THAT WE WILL NEED IN ORDER TO REPRESS THE ARMY OF TCHO."
GRRR !!!


KLANG

OZA
OZA

?

THIS RING SHALL BE THE PROOF OF MY OATH
AS LONG AS THESE TWO HALVES ARE SEPARATED...
I WILL REMAIN TRUE TO THE PROMISE THAT I MADE; TO SAVE THIS CITY!

WELL, I'M COUNTING ON YOU...
SO, I GUESS WE'VE REACHED AN UNDER-STANDING
IN THAT CASE, LET US TAKE ON PHASE TWO OF THE PREPARATIONS
DZA
NOW, KAKURI HAS OBTAINED THE COMMAND OF THE CITY OF RYO BUT HIS TRUE SUPPORTERS REMAIN FEW

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CHAPTER 04

KAKURI CRUSHES THE ENEMY

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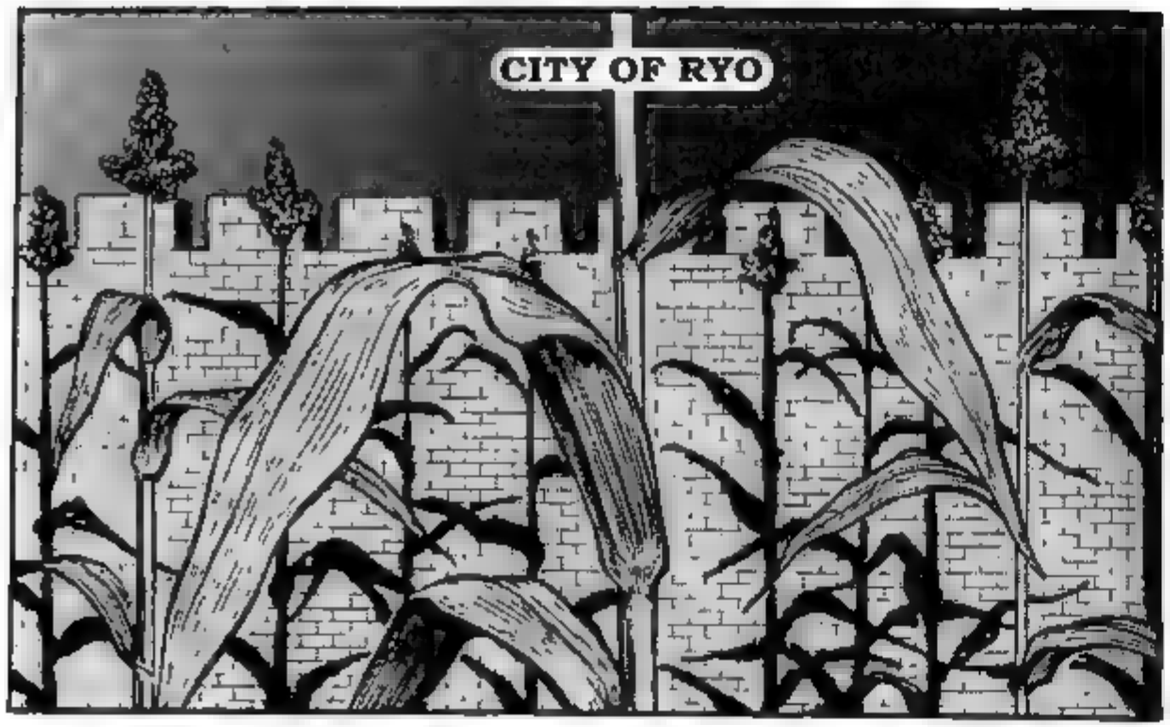
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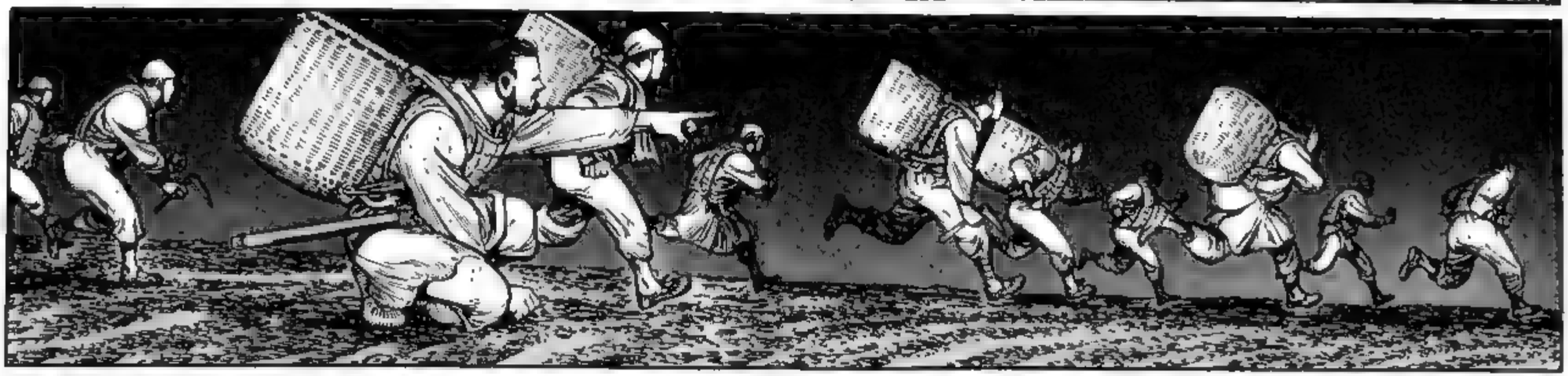

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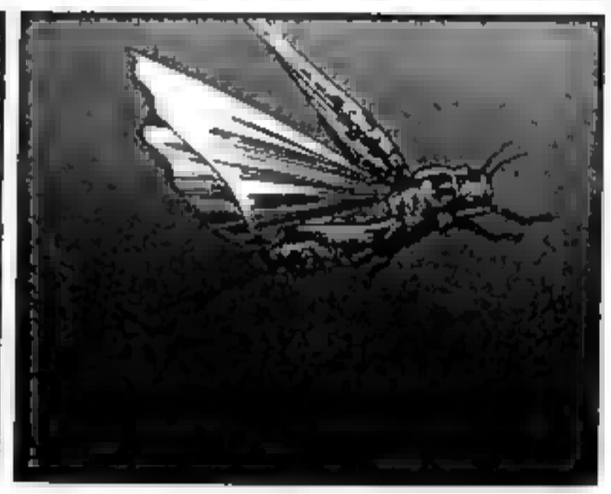
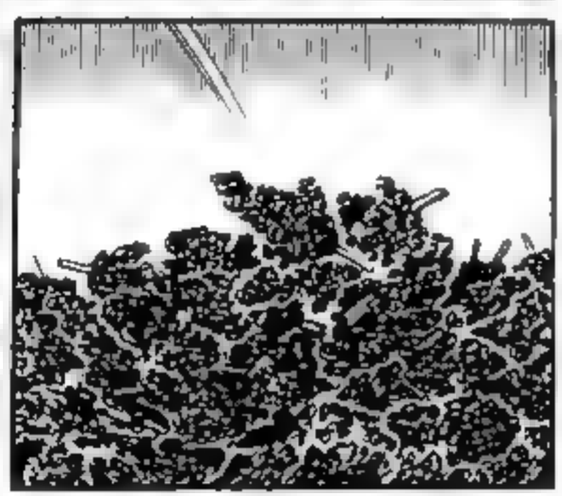
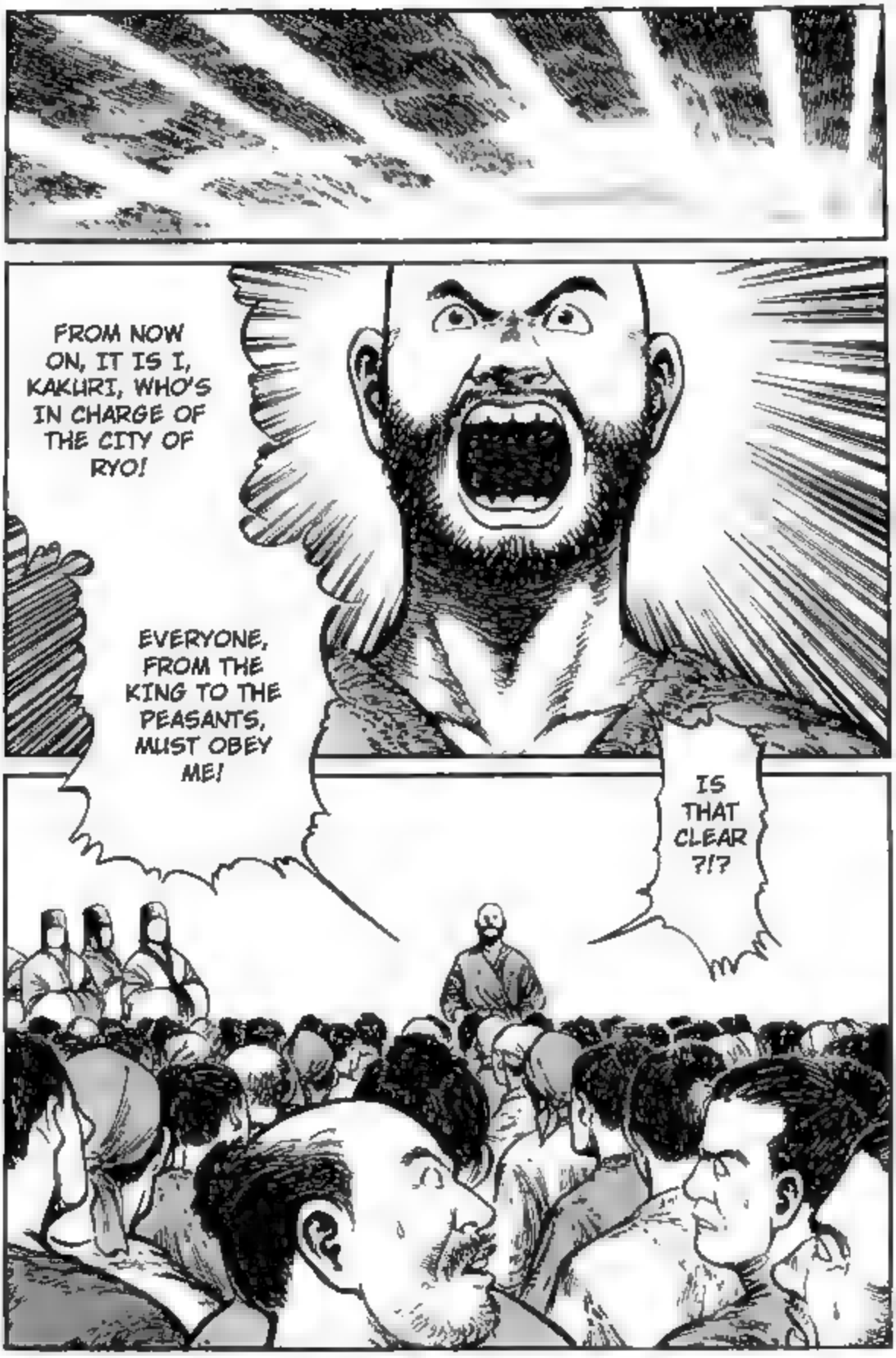
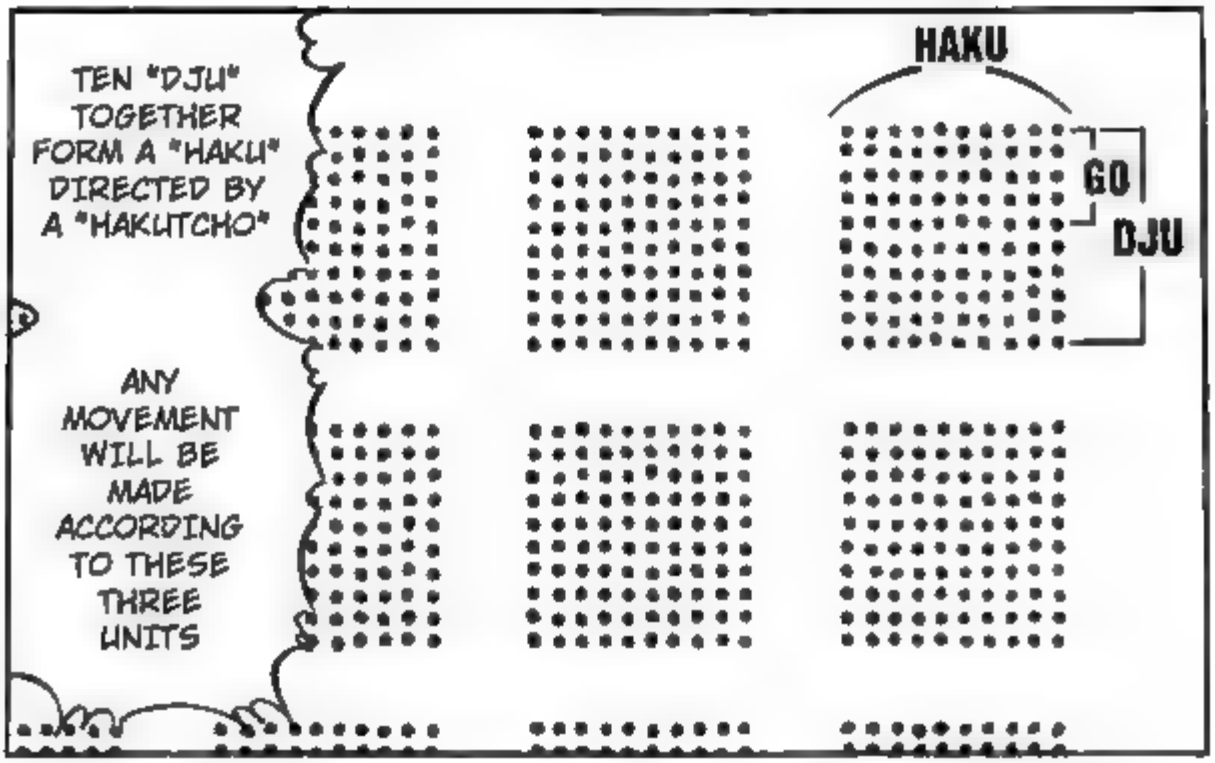





FROM NOW ON, IT IS I, KAKURI, WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THE CITY OF RYO!
EVERYONE, FROM THE KING TO THE PEASANTS, MUST OBEY ME!
IS THAT CLEAR ?!?

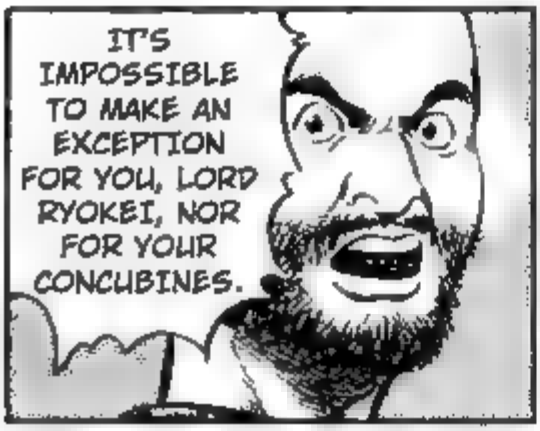
THE BATTLE WE'RE PREPARING FOR WILL BE RELENTLESS. THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY DEPENDS ON IT
THIS IS WHY EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD, MAN AND WOMAN, WILL HAVE TO FIGHT. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE THE ILL, THE WOUNDED AND THE DOCTORS.
YOU WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS OF FIVE MEN OR FIVE WOMEN.
EACH TEAM WILL BE CALLED A "GO" AND WILL CHOOSE A LEADER, THE "GOTCHO"
BAYA WAYA
TWO "GO" JOINED TOGETHER MAKES A "DJU" WHO'S ELECTED HEAD IS THE "DJUTCHO".
AWA AWA AWA


TEN "DJU" TOGETHER FORM A "HAKU" DIRECTED BY A "HAKUTCHO"
HAKU
GO
DJU
ANY MOVEMENT WILL BE MADE ACCORDING TO THESE THREE UNITS

THE ROYAL FAMILY IS NO EXCEP-TION
YOU SHALL LIVE AS THE PEAS-ANTS!
EVEN THE KING WILL FIGHT WITH A SWORD IN HIS HAND!

WHAT?
YOU'RE ASKING ME TO FIGHT?

AND MY CONCUBINES TOO? NONSENSE, I REFUSE!


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YOU, LORD RYOKEI, NOR FOR YOUR CONCUBINES.

HE'S MOCKING US!

PRINCE ...

RYOKI (19 YEARS), RYOTEKI'S FIANCE

KAKURI! SHALL I, CROWN PRINCE RYOTEKI, AND RYOKI LET OURSELVES BE REGARDED AS PEASANTS?

YES! THIS BATTLE PUTS THE EXISTENCE OF YOUR DYNASTY IN DANGER, THEREFORE YOU NEED TO STOP DIVIDING PEOPLE INTO CASTES

WHAT!

IF WE LOSE THIS BATTLE, ALL THE WOMEN WILL BECOME WHORES FOR THE SOLDIERS OF TCHO TO PLAY WITH!

EVEN I HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BY WHAT I'VE SEEN DURING BATTLES

WHEN A CITY IS CONQUERED, THE MEN ARE SOLD LIKE SLAVES, THE OLD MEN AND CHILDREN GET MASSACRED,

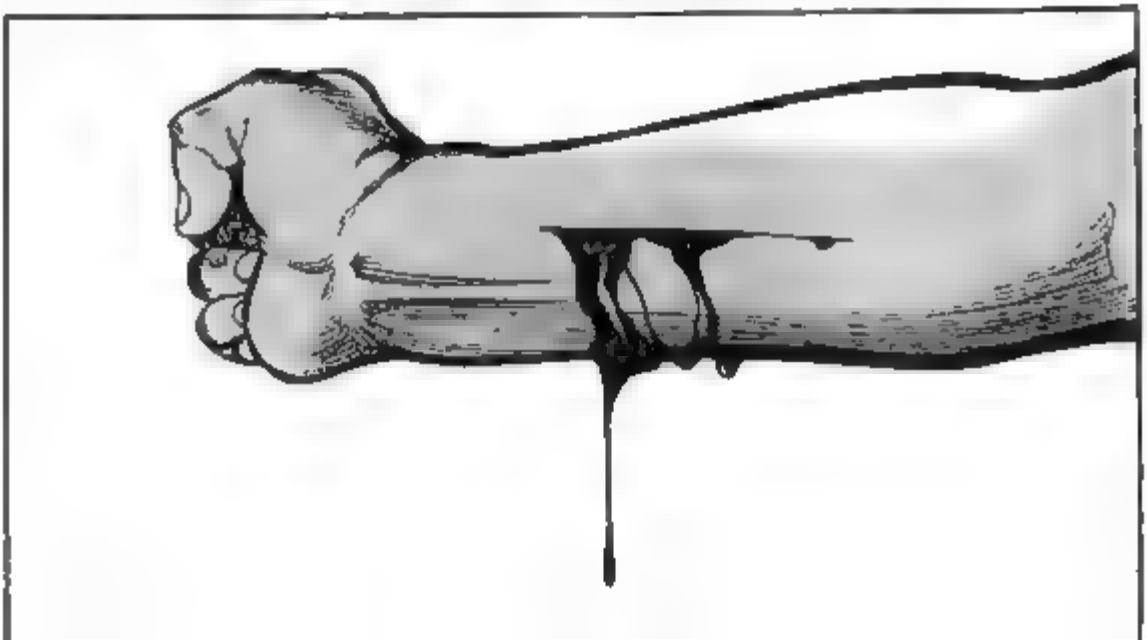
AND ALL WOMEN GET RAPED

THAT'S THE WAY OF WAR!

DON'T WORRY! I WONT EVEN LET THEM TOUCH A FINGER ON YOUR HAND
I LEARNED THE TECHNIQUES OF DEFENSE FROM MY MASTER, BOKKSHI. AND BY THE ORDERS OF DENJOSHI, I'VE ALLREADY DEFENDED SEVERAL CASTLES, WITH A WEAPON IN MY HAND
I REASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL FIGHT OFF THE ARMY OF TCHO, AND THAT YOUR LIVES WILL BE PROTECTED
DO NOT FEAR, I AM HERE

THE MEN OF BOKK RECEIVE THEIR ENERGY FROM GOD, WHO SUPPORTS THEM
OUR CAUSE IS RIGHT, WE CANNOT LOSE AGAINST THE CRUEL MEN OF TCHO, EVEN IF THEY ARE STRONGER THAN US!!

DZZZ



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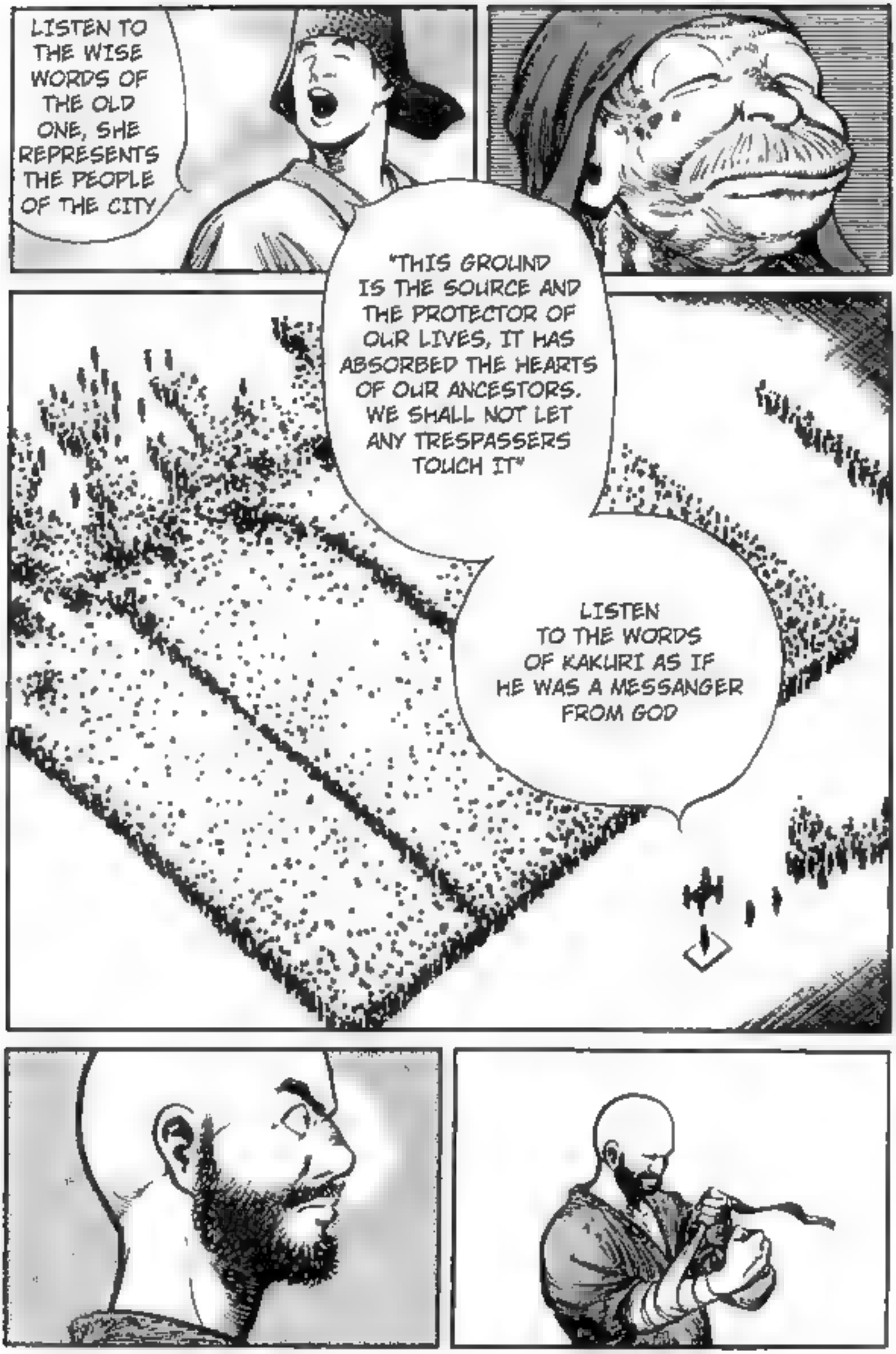
I SWEAR TO DEFEND THIS GROUND THAT DEVOURS MY BLOOD,
THEREFORE YOU MUST TRUST AND OBEY ME, EVEN WHEN YOU NEED TO RISK YOUR LIFE!
ARE YOU WITH ME?
YOU! YOU!
FUGNA ARGNA FUGNA


LISTEN TO THE WISE WORDS OF THE OLD ONE, SHE REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY
"THIS GROUND IS THE SOURCE AND THE PROTECTOR OF OUR LIVES, IT HAS ABSORBED THE HEARTS OF OUR ANCESTORS. WE SHALL NOT LET ANY TRESPASSERS TOUCH IT"
LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF KAKURI AS IF HE WAS A MESSANGER FROM GOD

KAKURI, COME SEE!
IT'S BIZARRE!
THE FIELD IS MOVING!
THE FIELD MOVED?
YOU MUST BE JOKING
DZA
CHI!!
LOOK! OVER THERE!
VZZZ
VZZZ
VZZZ

SOLDIERS OF TCHO, A HUNDRED OF THEM!

SSS... SOLDIERS OF TCHO!

ONE HUNDRED ?

THEY STEAL OUR HARVESTS TO

FEED THEM-SELVES AND TO MAKE US STARVE

MISTER KAKURI, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?

OPEN THE GATES !!!

CLUNK

VZZZ VZZZ VZZZ VZZZ

IDIOTS, THEY'RE FINISHED NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN US!

COME ON! WE'LL KILL THEM ALL!

LET'S SHOW THEM OUR POWER

TA
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DA
TA
GA
DA

THAT IS... WHAT IS THAT?

IT'S ONLY ONE MAN!

HE WANTS TO FIGHT ALONE?

HE MUST BE CRAZY!

I'LL TAKE HIM OUT !!!

TAGA DA TAGA DA

SHI-YUUUU
SSSH
PA-H

POKH

...

WAH !!

LISTEN!

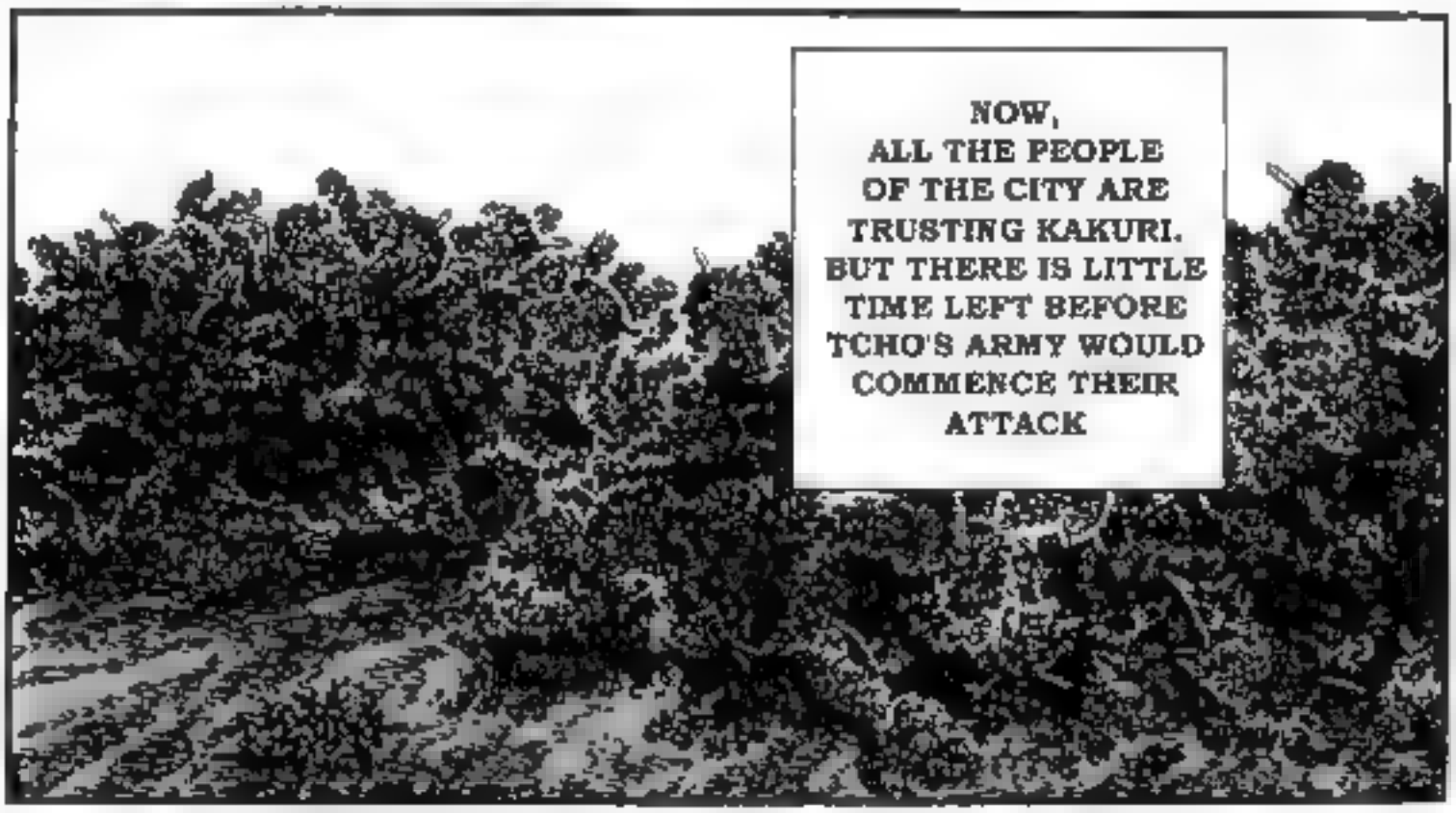
LEAVE OUR HARVESTS ALONE AND REMOVE YOUR CAMP IMMEDIATELY, UNDERSTOOD?

OTHERWISE... ONE WORD FROM ME AND ALL THE CITY'S PEOPLE WILL SURROUND YOU !!!

TAP
TAP
TAP
AH! KAKURI

TCHO'S SOLDIERS! WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

THEY LEFT THE HARVEST AND RETURNED
THE AUTUMN IS ADVANCING FAST AND THE GRAIN IS RIPE
DISPATCH SOME PEOPLE TO HARVEST AND GARNER THE FIELDS BEFORE THEY COME BACK FOR MORE


NOW, ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY ARE TRUSTING KAKURI. BUT THERE IS LITTLE TIME LEFT BEFORE TCHO'S ARMY WOULD COMMENCE THEIR ATTACK

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CHAPTER 05

KAKURI SEEKS A BRAVE MAN

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"SWARMS OF LOCUSTS AND WARRIORS OF TCHO FALLS DOWN LIKE RAIN ON THE CITY OF RYO"

REMAIN COOL, PILE UP YOUR GRAIN

♪ NOTHING IS TABOO IN WAR, OUR MASTER SAID. ♪
BUT LET US DEFEND OUR MOTHERS AGAINST THESE MORONS

REMAIN COOL, DO NOT BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING

♪ IF YOU ASSASSINATE A BROTHER YOU JUST CROPPED A BASTARD.
IF YOU KILL IN WAR, YOU BECOME A HERO
REMAIN COOL, AND WELL CONSIDERED ♪

KAKURI TAUGHT THEM THIS SONG

PAN PAN PAN

AH!

SO, HE DOES THINGS LIKE THAT TOO

HAN HAN

SINGING MAKES WORK LESS PAINFUL
YES, AND IT HELPS THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY TO HAVE A GOOD RYTHM IN THEIR MOVEMENTS
THEY TRUST KAKURI. HE GAINS MORE AND MORE TRUST EACH DAY.
DO YOU TRUST HIM TOO?
N... NO, NO, OF COURSE NOT
VZZZ
VZZZ
HMPF!

MR KAKURI, IN FIVE DAYS AT CURRENT SPEED,
THE WALLS AND THE DITCHES WILL BE FINISHED

AH SAIKYU, I AM GLAD THAT I ENTRUSTED YOU WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WORK.

YOU ARE? I JUST DID WHAT YOU TOLD ME TO DO

I FEEL ASHAMED WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW I WANTED TO FLEE, JUST BECAUSE I WAS SCARED OF TCHO'S ARMY

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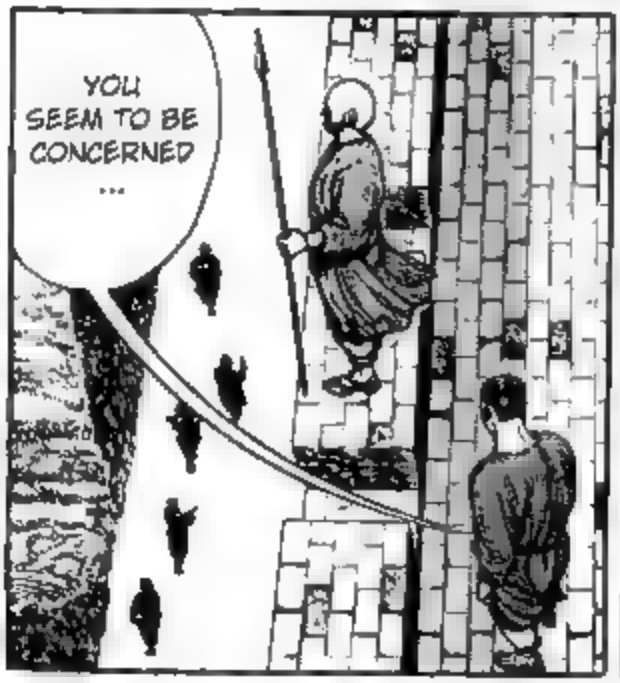

YOU SEEM TO BE CONCERNED ...

EVEN A SOLID WALL AND A BROAD DITCH WONT BE ENOUGH TO KEEP TCHO'S ARMY OUT.
I NEED FOUR TRUSTWORTHY MEN TO GUARD EACH DIRECTION OF THE FOUR WALLS: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH AND EAST.

I BELIEVE THAT ONLY PRINCE RYOTEKI IS COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT
NO, HE IS TOO YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED
WE NEED A COURAGEOUS AND VALIANT MAN WHO HAS EXPERIENCED COMBAT
TELL YOUR MEN TO WORK FASTER
OR WE'LL HAVE TO WORK ALL NIGHT
DZA
DZA

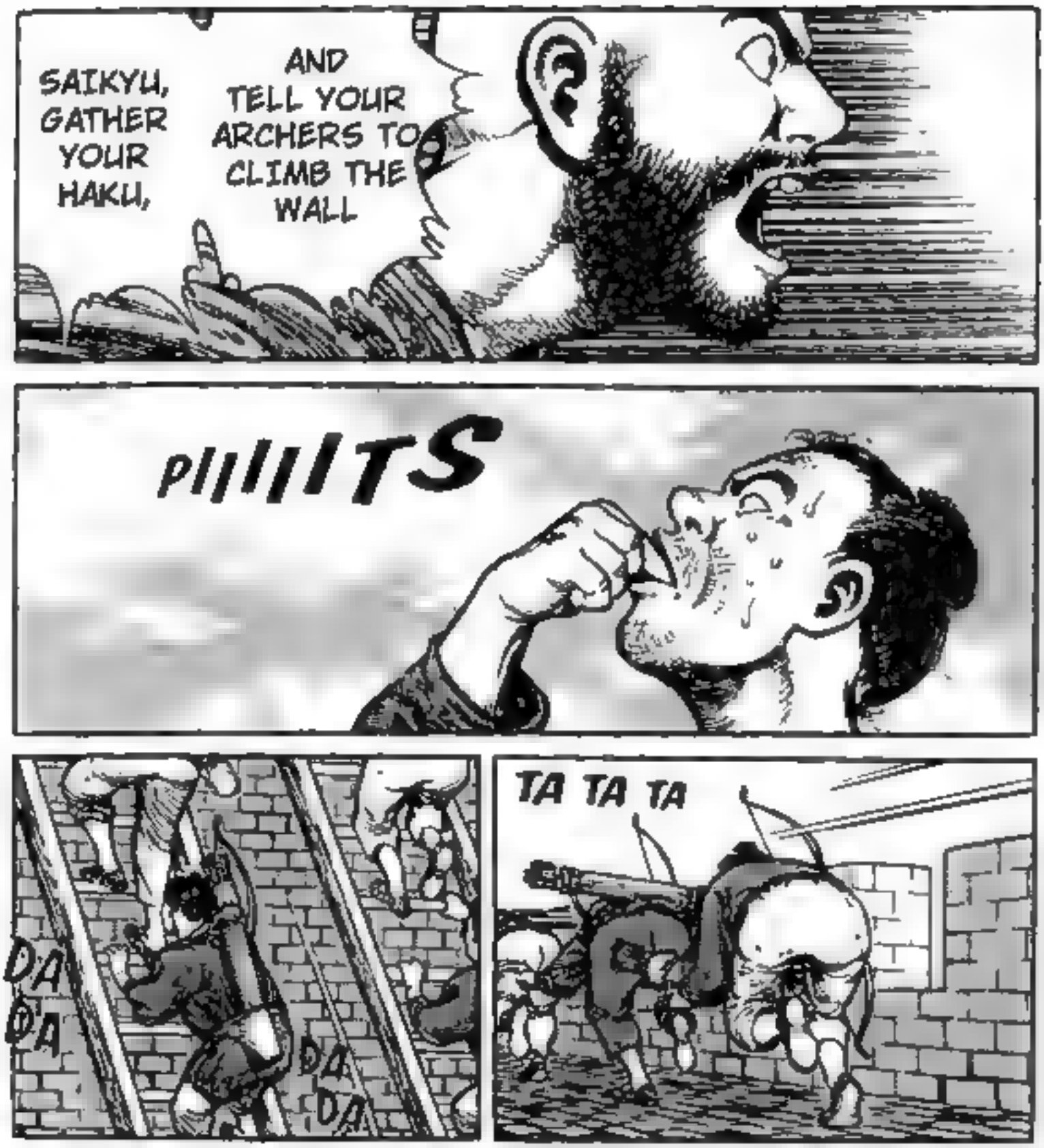
ARE YOU REALLY A MAN OF BOKK?
WHAT A RUDE QUES-TION!
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT BOKKSHI FORBID MUSIC
HE DID NOT FORBIDD THE MUSIC OF THE CITIZENS
YOU CANNOT PREVENT THE PEOPLE FROM SINGING WHILE WORKING TO RELIEVE THEM OF THEIR SORROWS!
ONLY THE MUSIC WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS REFINED; THAT WAS MADE TO DO NOTHING BUT PLEASE THE NOBLES!
GRRR!
WHO IS THAT OVER THERE?

THE WAR-RIORS OF TCHO !!!

DZA DZA DZA

WAAH!

FALL BACK TO THE CITY!


SAIKYU, GATHER YOUR HAKU,
AND TELL YOUR ARCHERS TO CLIMB THE WALL
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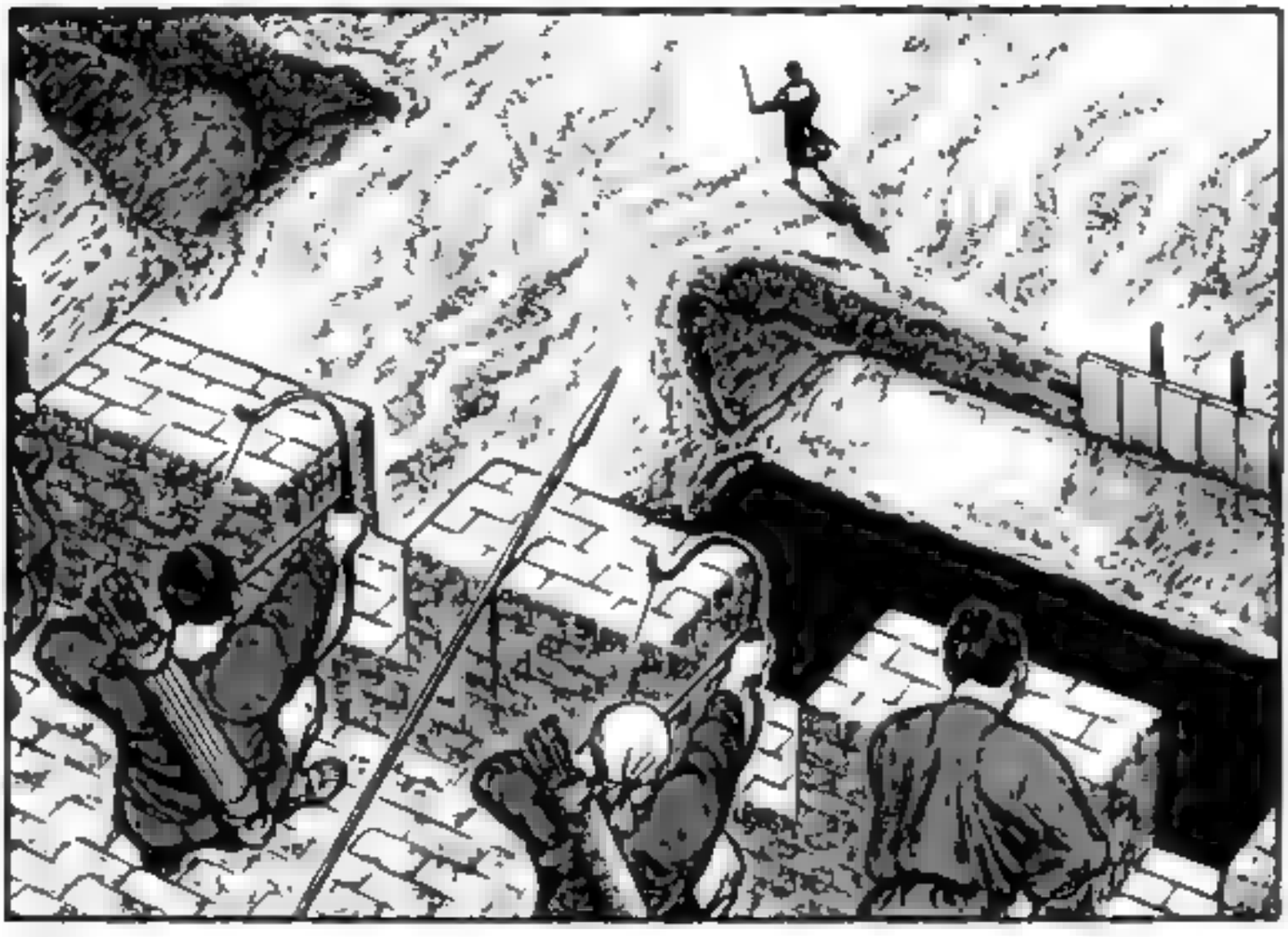
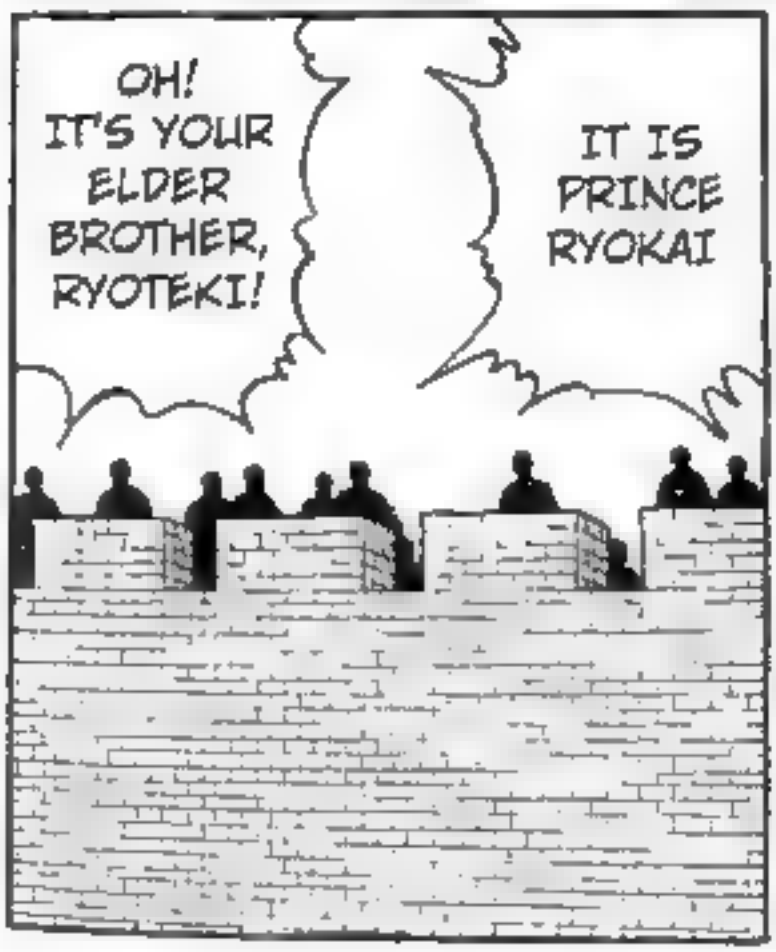
DA DA
DA DA
TA TA TA
TST
TST

CLOSE THE MAIN GATE !!!
GHYU
NO! THE PRINCE!
PRINCE
VLAN
WE DON'T HAVE TIME!
CLOSE THE GATE!

I AM THE SON OF THE KING RYOKEI,
I WILL NOT LET TO YOU TAKE A SINGLE STEP FURTHER!



HEY! WHAT A BRAVE MAN YOU HAVE BECOME!
WHAT?
IF I WAS A GIRL, I WOULD LIE IN YOUR ARMS EVERY EVENING!
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

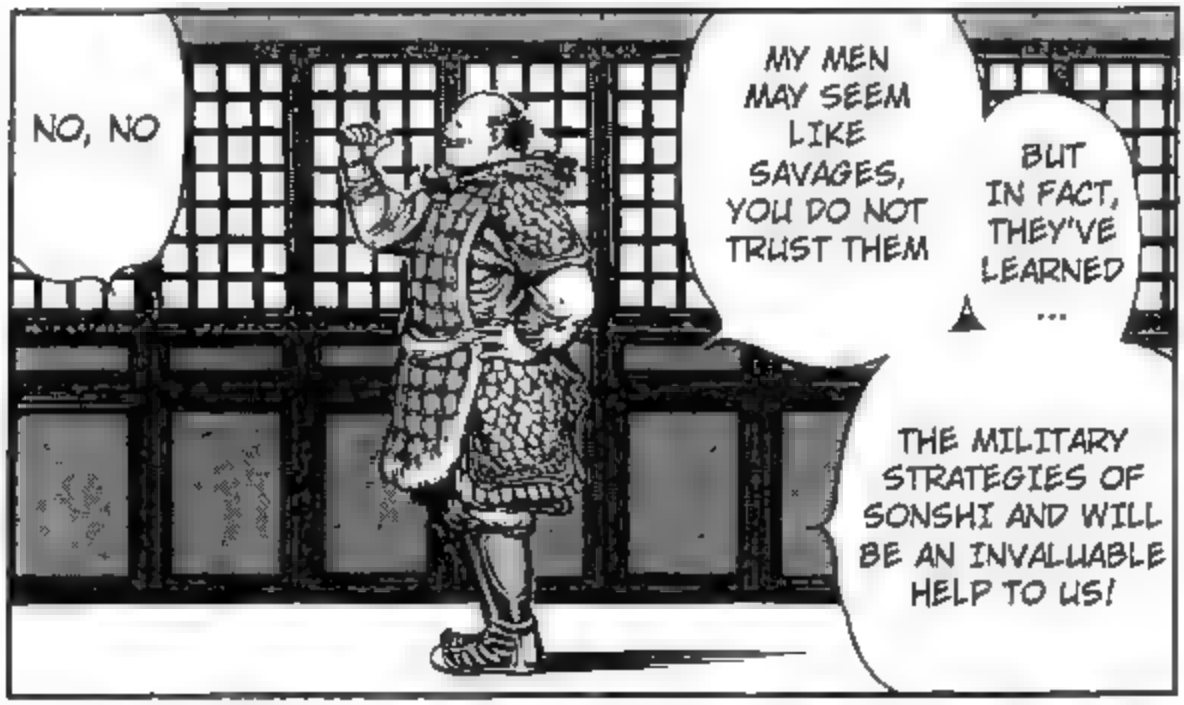

OH! IT'S YOUR ELDER BROTHER, RYOTEKI!
IT IS PRINCE RYOKAI

TCHO'S ARMY IS NOT HERE YET!
DO NOT DRAW YOUR WEAPONS
OUF!

WHAT DO YOU WANT? OUR CITY IS THREATENED BY TCHO'S TROOPS
I KNOW, I KNOW,
THAT IS WHY I RETURNED!
HAH! HAH! HAH!
YOUR TROUBLES ARE OVER NOW THAT RYOKAI IS HERE TO DEFEND YOU!
WE ARE YOUR GUESTS, LET US IN!
GHIYÛ

FOUR YEARS AGO, OUR KING DROVE THEM OUT
HAN HAN
THE WORST OF MEN RETURN WHEN WE'RE IN THE WORST OF SITUATIONS
NYAH

YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING! YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT INHERITING THE FORTUNES OF MY ANCESTORS
INSTEAD, YOU COME AND ASK ME FOR MONEY NOW!


NO, NO
MY MEN MAY SEEM LIKE SAVAGES, YOU DO NOT TRUST THEM
BUT IN FACT, THEY'VE LEARNED ...
THE MILITARY STRATEGIES OF SONSHI AND WILL BE AN INVALUABLE HELP TO US!

OOH

SONSHI!

I ASSURE YOU, MY FRIENDS,
I WILL DEFEND YOU. I AM NOT PERVERTED ENOUGH TO FORGET ABOUT MY FAMILY

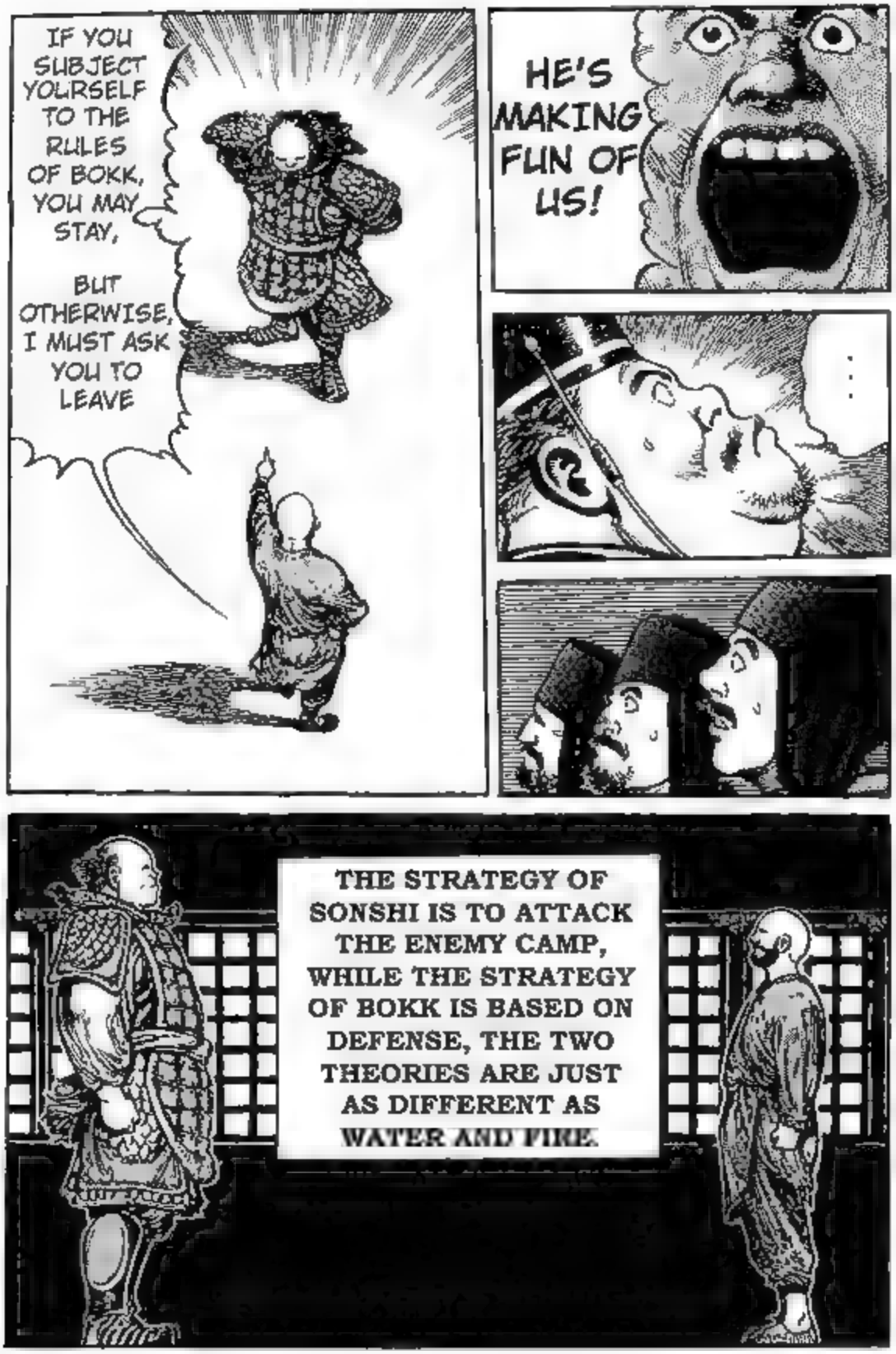
IF YOU LEARNED THE STRATEGIES OF SONSHI, I AM WELL REASSURED !!!

OH, RYOKAI, WHAT A LUCKY COINCIDENCE THAT YOU RETURNED!

THE STRATEGIES OF SONSHI ARE NOT TO BE USED FOR ANYTHING !!!
WHO IS THAT MAN?
IT IS MISTER KAKURI, HE COMES FROM THE CLAN CALLED BOKK
DZA DZA
I SEE, A MAN OF BOKK
BLOP
A MAN OF BOKK! THAT AIN'T WORTH ANYTHING!

?!?
HUCK
PAF

BROM
OOH!
A DWARF LIKE HIM... HOW?
WITH YOUR SONSHI, YOU WOULDN'T LAST A SECOND AGAINST THE LARGE ARMY OF TCHO!
A BOLD STATEMENT, DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DO WITHOUT US?


IF YOU SUBJECT YOURSELF TO THE RULES OF BOKK, YOU MAY STAY,
BUT OTHERWISE, I MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE
HE'S MAKING FUN OF US!
. . . .
THE STRATEGY OF SONSHI IS TO ATTACK THE ENEMY CAMP, WHILE THE STRATEGY OF BOKK IS BASED ON DEFENSE, THE TWO THEORIES ARE JUST AS DIFFERENT AS WATER AND FIRE.

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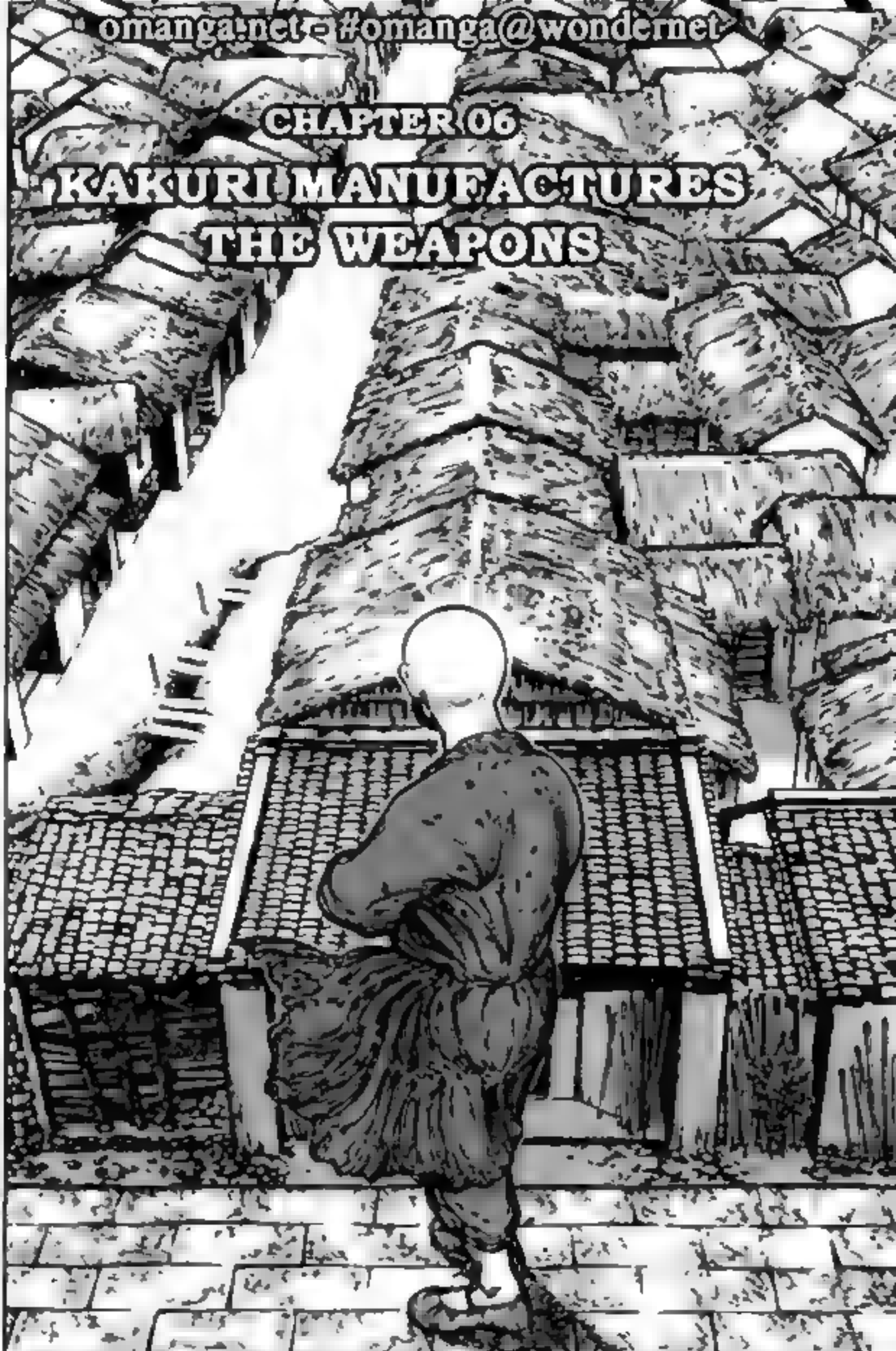
CHAPTER 06

KAKURI MANUFACTURES THE WEAPONS



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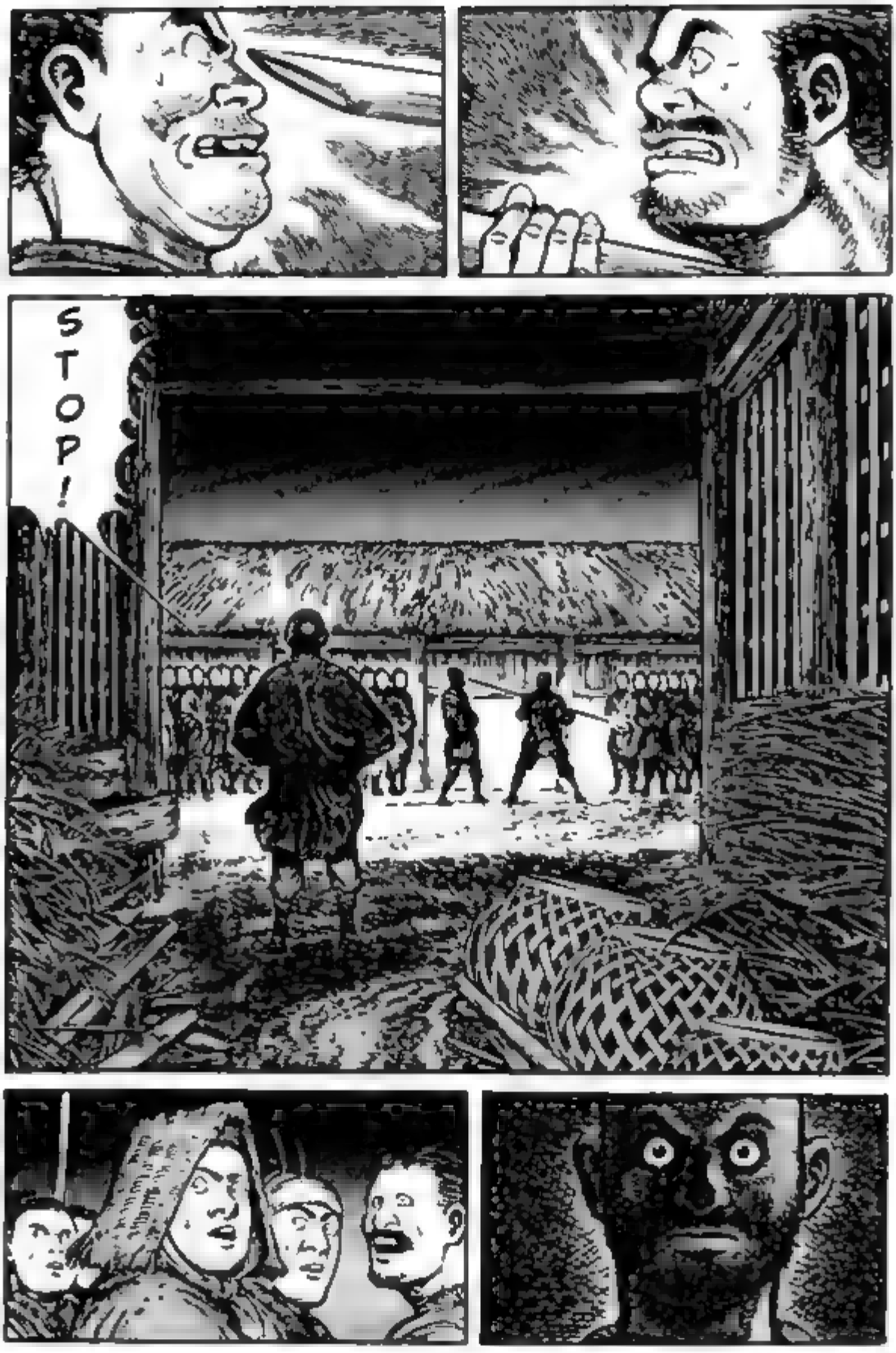
WHAT?

WHY HAVE YOU STOPPED WORKING?

IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE WALLS TO BE REPAIRED BEFORE TCHO'S ARMY ARRIVES

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH ALL THESE BAMBOO SPEARS?
IT IS THE WALL YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING ON, NOT THOSE WOODEN SPEARS
NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK ALL NIGHT!
PFFT! IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HIGH THE WALL IS, IT STILL WONT KEEP THE ARMY OF TCHO OUT!
HARK
TCHUK
THAT IS WHY IT'S NECESSARY FOR US TO LEARN HOW TO FIGHT, HOW TO KILL TCHO'S SOLDIERS
PRINCE RYOKAI WHO HAS JUST RETURNED SAID HE WILL TEACH US HOW TO HANDLE THE SPEARS TOMORROW MORNING!
THAT MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR US TO HAVE ALL THE SPEARS READY BEFORE SUNRISE


STOP!

ON THE DAY OF THE BATTLE, IT IS NO OTHERS THAN WE, THE PEASANTS, WHO WILL LEAD THE COMBAT
THE RETURN OF RYOKAI HAS BROUGHT DISORDER
TCHIC
PATCH
OUAH AH
AH AH OUAH AH

GL
GL
MORE WINE! AN' KEEP IT COMMING
OUAH AH
EX ... EXCUSE ME. HE, HE WONT LET ME
"HE"? WHO IS "HE"?
WELL, EUH, IT'S ...
IT WAS I WHO PRO-HIBITED YOUR DRINKING ROUNDS

HIC
YOU SEE THAT? IT'S THE SMALL, SMALL MAN OF BOKK. EH, HAVE YOU COME TO DRINK WITH US?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THE ARMY OF TCHO WOULD ATTACK US RIGHT NOW?
THEN IT IS YOU WHO WOULD BE SORRY
YOU MAKE THE PEASANTS WORK LIKE ANIMALS, THEY ARE EXHAUSTED.
HOW COULD THEY FIGHT ?
I WILL TEACH THEM TO FIGHT WITH SPEARS
TOC
I, RYOKAI, WILL FIGHT ACCORDING TO THE METHOD OF SONSHI!

AH YES, YOUR SPEAR IS QUITE SUPERB

SHUT UP! DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY I'VE KILLED WITH MY SKILLS?

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT OUR PEASANTS ARMED WITH SIMPLE SPEARS OF BAMBOO WILL BE ABLE TO REPRESS TCHO'S ARMY?

PERFECTLY!

WITH SPEARS OF BAMBOO

ARE YOU SURE ?

WHAT ?!?

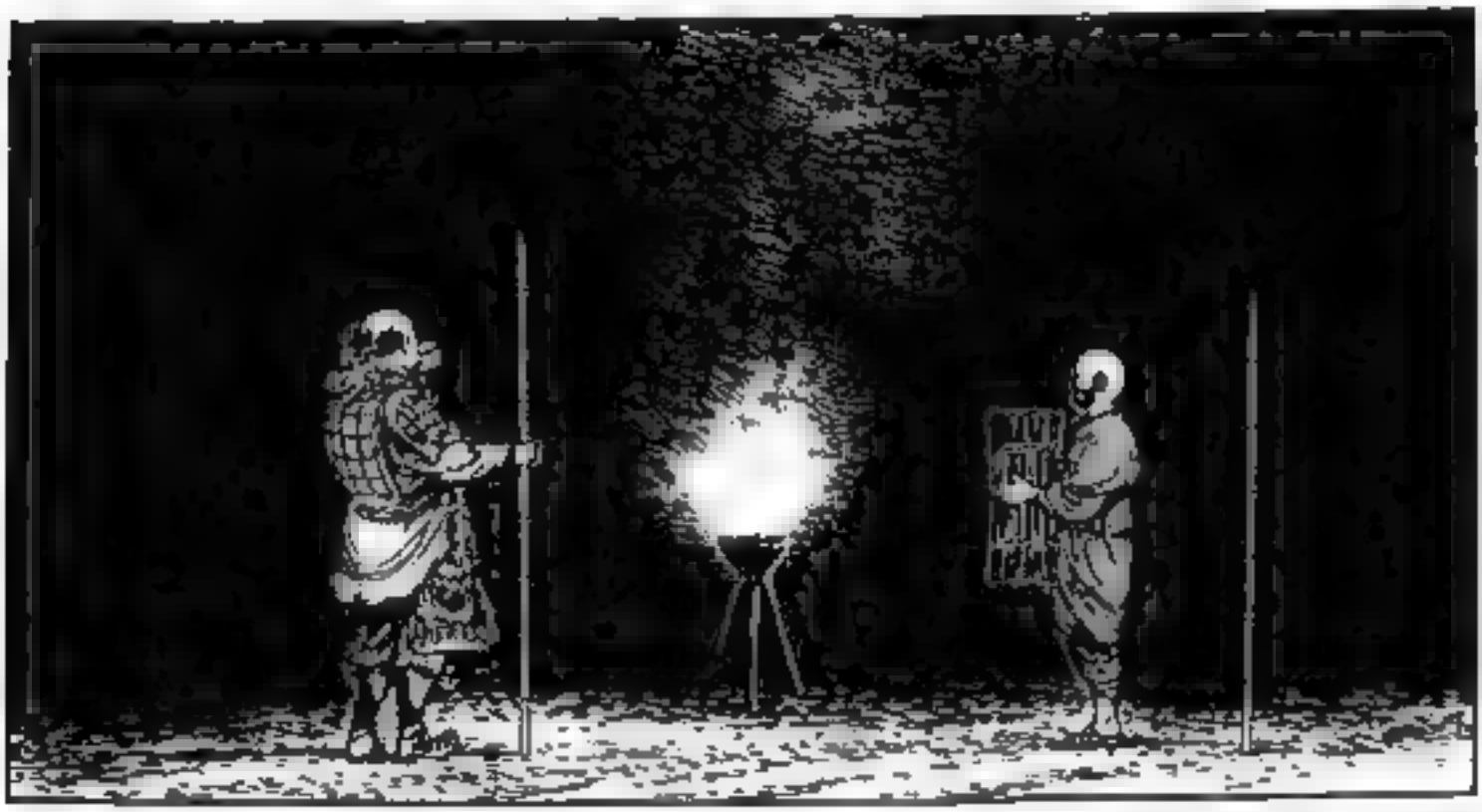
SAIKYU, BRING A WOOD FAGGOT AND A BAMBOO SPEAR

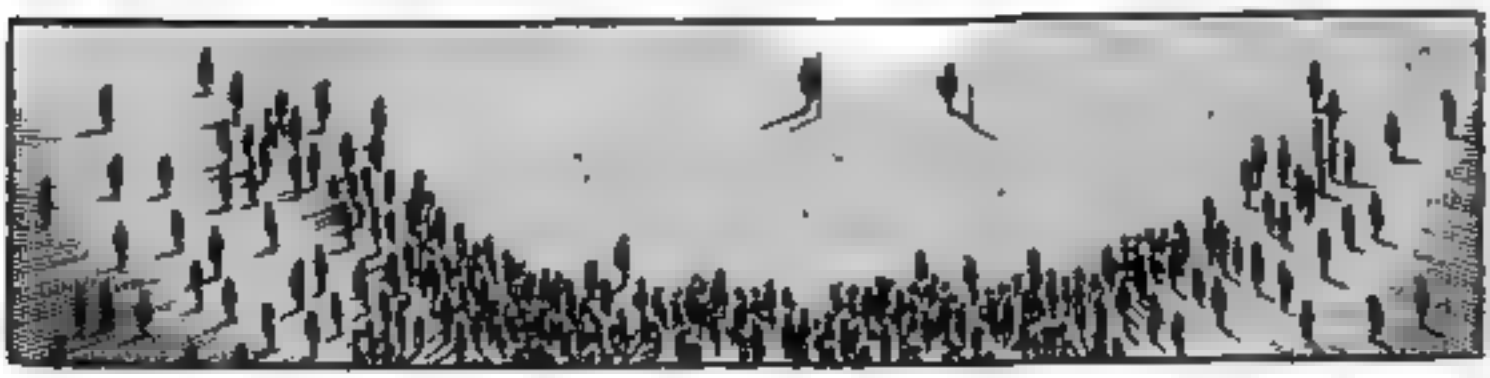
YES, SIR !

I WILL CHALLENGE RYOKAI!

A DUEL ...
GATHER ALL THE MEN!

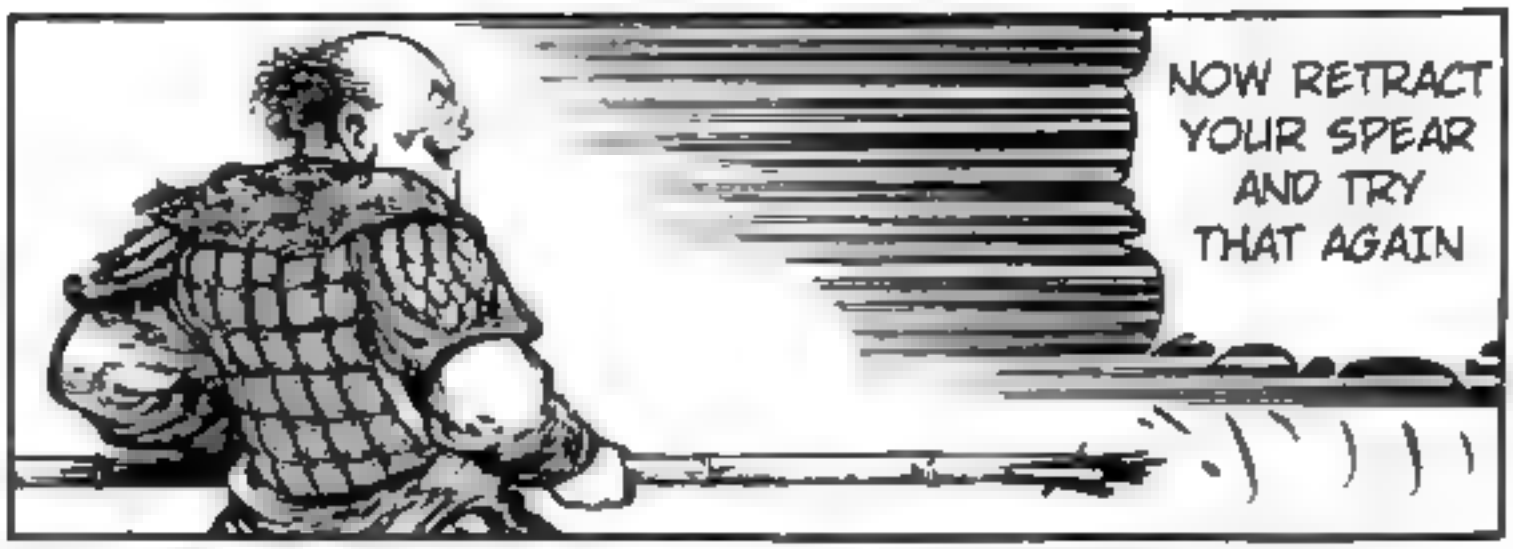
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

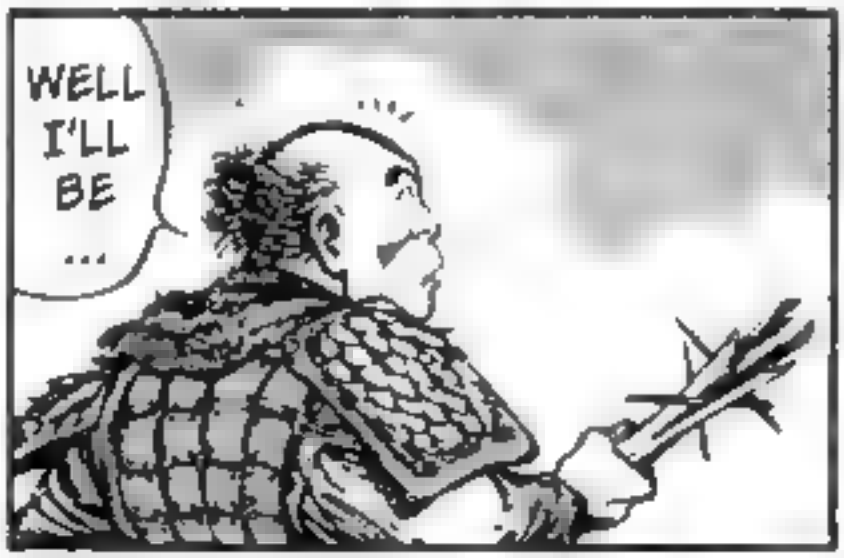


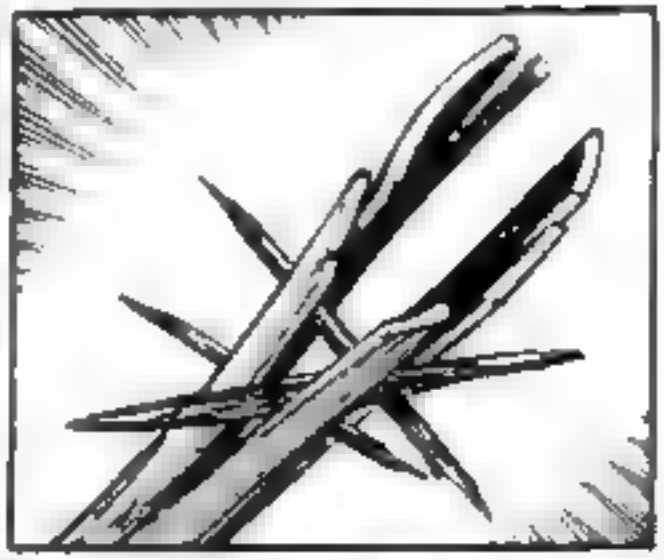


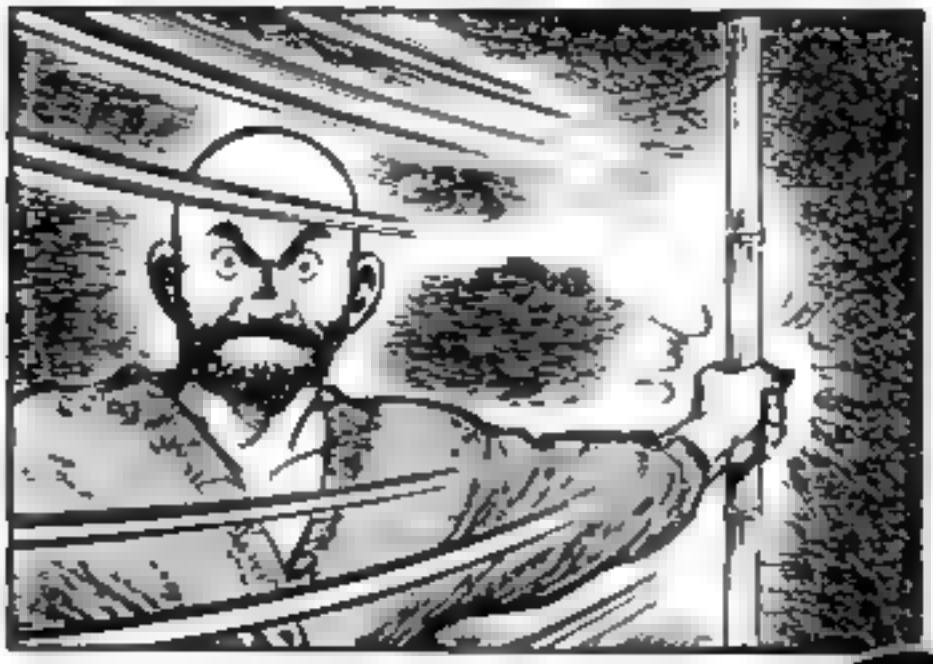
THIS FAGGOT REPRESENTS A SOLDIER OF TCHO. PLEASE LORD, GO AHEAD
RGL
RGL
RGL
TCHOUK
PFFT! EVERYONE LOOK AT THIS!

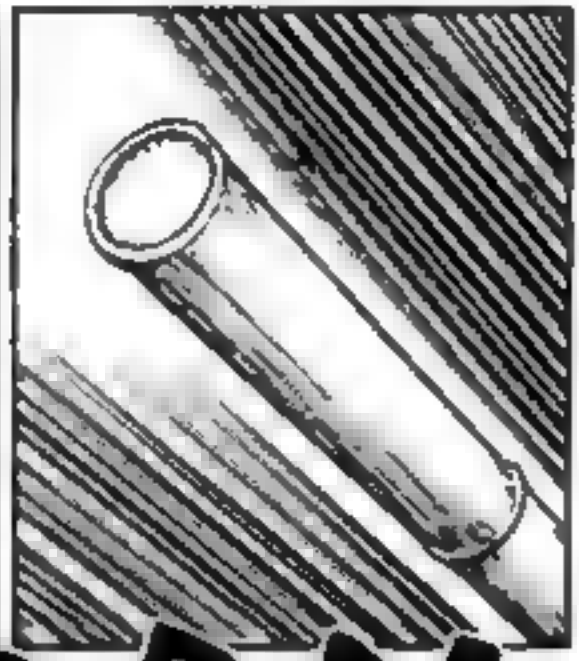
OUO UOU OUAH !!!
CRACK
WOW, HOW TERRIBLE !!!
A BAMBOO SPEAR CAN PENETRATE IT THAT EASILY!
HA HA HA, DID YOU SEE THAT ?
GOOD, NOW TRY AGAIN.


NOW RETRACT YOUR SPEAR AND TRY THAT AGAIN


WELL I'LL BE ...







OUCH !!!
PAN

DAH
OOOH!

ONCE THE SPEAR IS BROKEN, YOU ARE WEDGED

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER SPEAR INSTRUCTOR, YOU DIED

IT IS OBVIOUS. HE SHOULD HAVE JUST SWITCHED TO THE OTHER END OF THE SPEAR!

OKAY, BUT STILL ... WE HAVEN'T GOT ANY WEAPONS

EVERY-ONE!

LET US CONTINUE REPAIRING THE WALLS !

ZZZZ

...

I GUESS THAT WAS IT, EVERYONE RETURNS,

MISTER KAKURI, YOU CAN GET SOME REST NOW

IF YOU EXHAUST YOURSELF

THEN NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO REPLACE YOU

NOT THIS EVENING, ANOTHER ERRAND AWAITS ME

EH?

IONG

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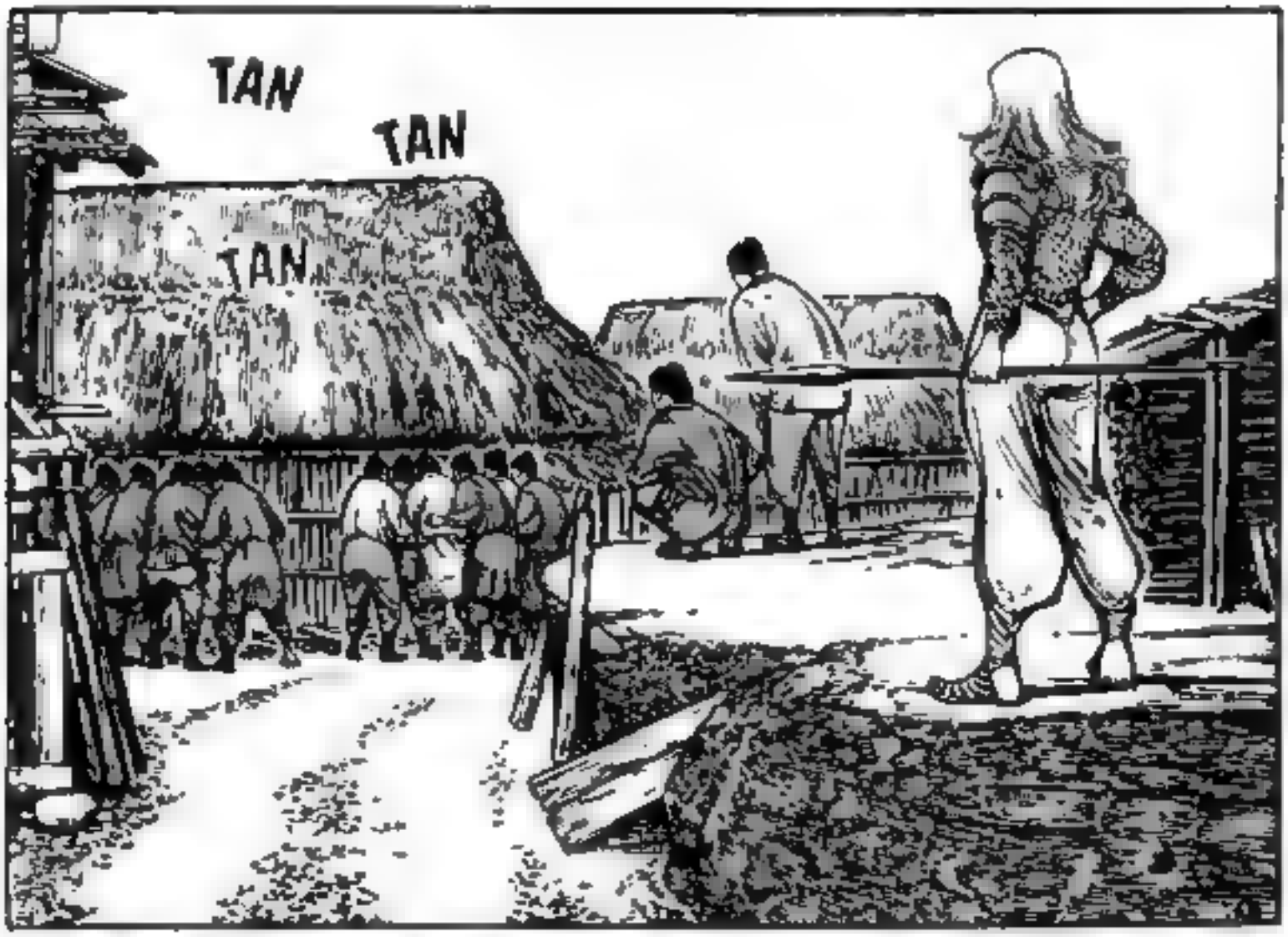
ZZZ

GRRR

KAKURI, WHERE ARE YOU?
SHOW YOURSELF, YOU COWARD!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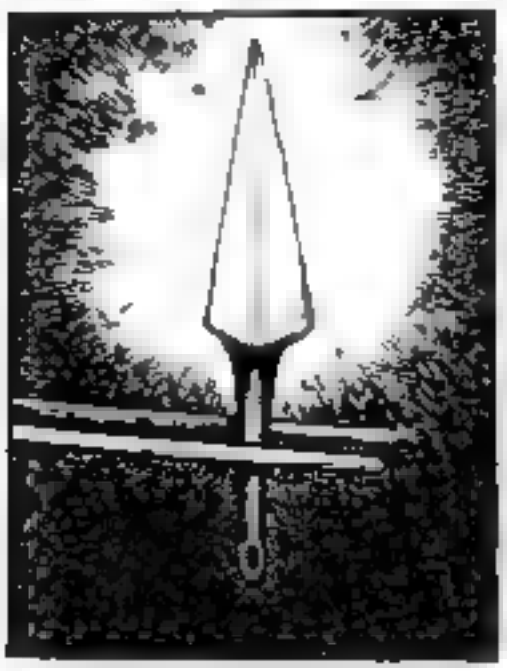
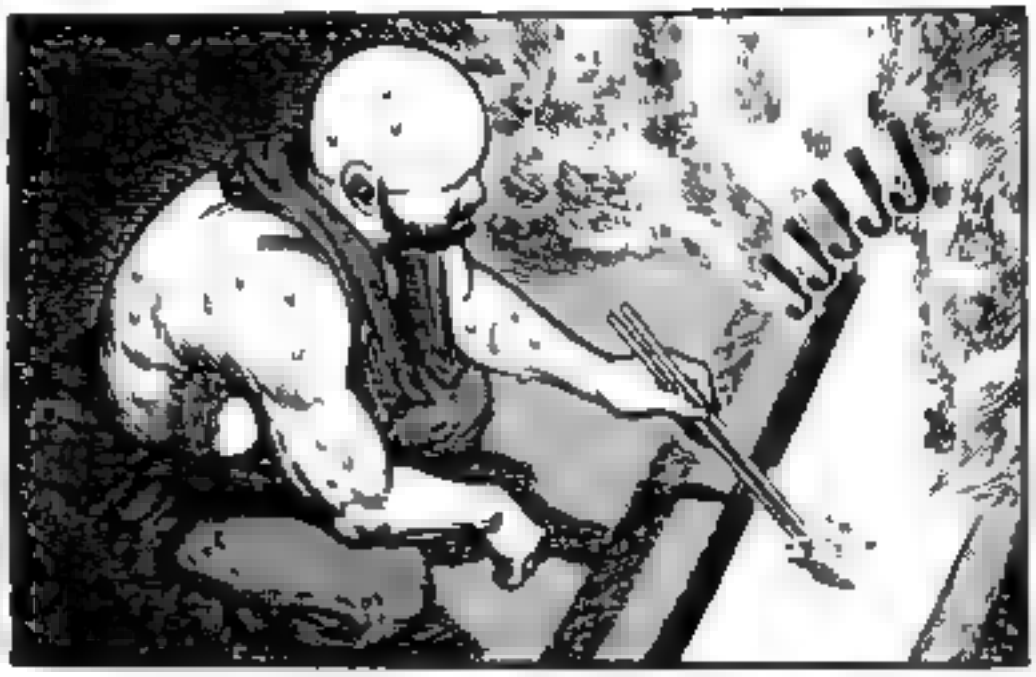
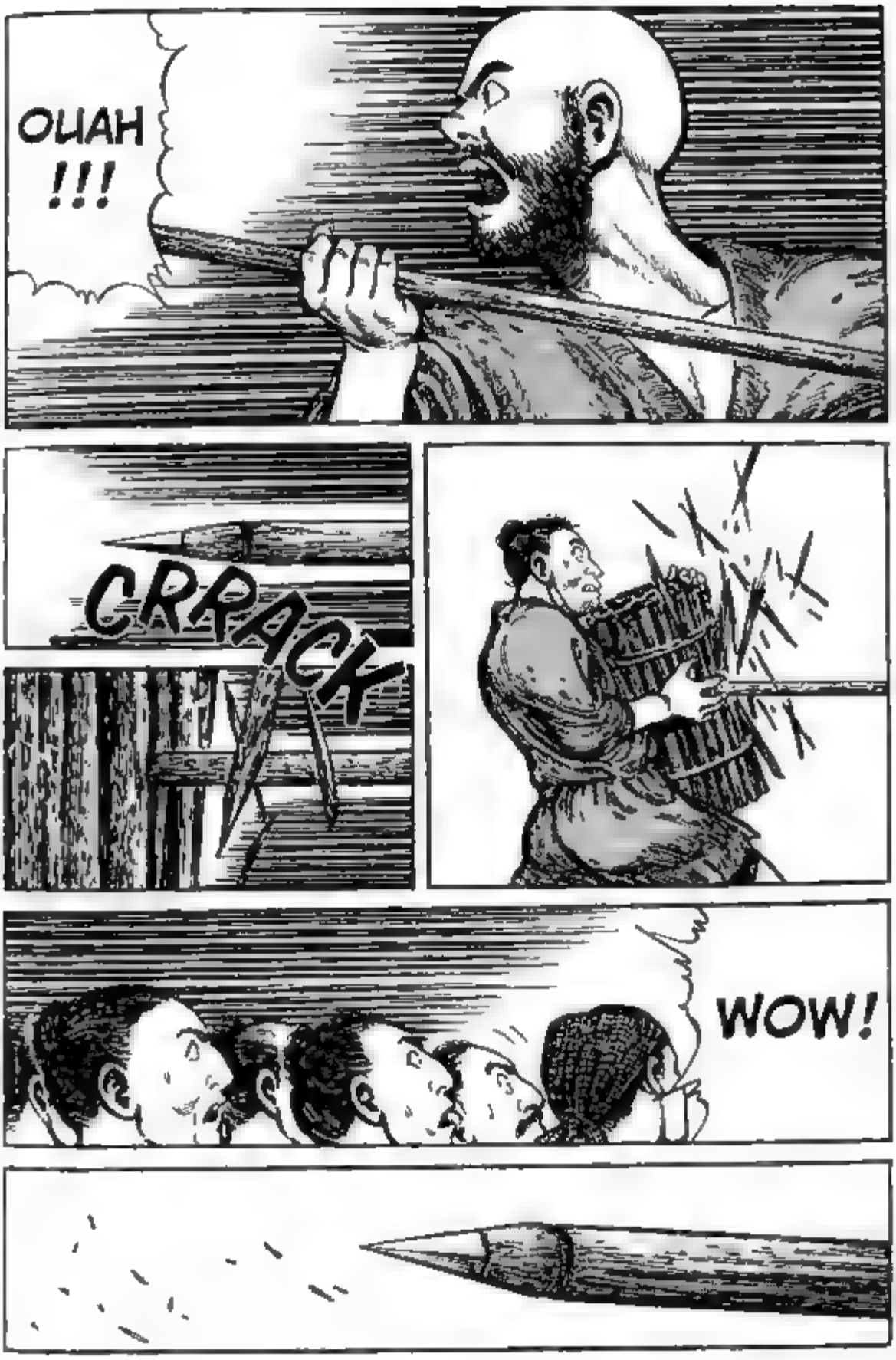




WHAT IS THAT LITTLE THING?
IT RE-SEMBLES AN ARROW HEAD

SUCH A SMALL THING, WILL IT BE ENOUGH?
I WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN IN THE BACK!
SAIKYU, YOU TAKE THE FAGGOT!
YES, SIR!


OUAH !!!
CRRACK
WOW!

OUAH !!!

CRRACK

OUAH !!!

CRACK

CRACK

WHOA! YOU CAN USE IT AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT!

ZRACK

KRACK

SCHRACK

THESE WILL BE YOUR WEAPONS!
BUT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH IRON,
THAT TRANSFORMS FROM BLOCKS INTO SHARP TIPS, WE WILL MANUFACTURE THESE LATER
AGREED?
OUAIS
OUAIS

WE'VE FINISHED THE EASTERN WALL!

YES, THERE'S NOTHING LEFT BUT TO PUT WATER IN THE DITCH

AT PRESENT, THE TCHO'S SOLDIERS MUST BE CROSSING THE EKISUI RIVER. THE DECISIVE BATTLE APPROACHES!

L... LOOK AHEAD!

THE PREPARATIONS HAD TAKEN THEIR TIME. MEANWHILE, THE ANGUISH AND THE STRESS WAS INCREASING...

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CHAPTER 07

THE ARRIVAL OF THE MESSSENGER

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TAGADA
TAGADA
M... MISTER KAKURI! A MAN ON A HORSE!
DZA
DZA
DZA

WHAT IS HE DOING ?

HE IS ALONE

ZZZ ZZZ ZZZ

TAGADA

TAGADA

SO IT SEEMS ...

HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE WESTERN WALL

...

DZA DZA

AND STUDYING THE NORTHERN WALL

BE ON YOUR GUARD

WATCH HIM CARE-FULLY!

HE DOES NOT STOP BY THE TOWER OF THE CITY, WHY?

ONLY TO SHOW HIMSELF?

TAGADA TAGADA

WONDER IF HE'LL BE A PROBLEM

THEY'RE FINALLY HERE

WHAT ?

IT IS THE FLAG OF GENERAL KOENTCHU, THE ARMY OF TEN THOUSAND MEN HAS ARRIVED

IZAK

MISTER KAKURI! HE HAS STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE SOUTHERN GATE
TAP TAP TAP
EVERYONE LISTEN TO ME! THIS IS THE LAST WARNING OF THE GREAT GENERAL KOENTCHU
LAST WARN-ING?
THEY MUST'VE DECIDED WHICH DAY THEY'LL ATTACK
THIS IS IT, IT'S BEGIN-NING !
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!
TELL US WHERE YOU STAND,
AND YOU MIGHT BE SAVED
HUH?

IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR CITY, GENERAL KOENTCHU WILL NOT TURN THIS INTO A UNNECESSARY CARNAGE

IF YOU DECIDE TO DO SO

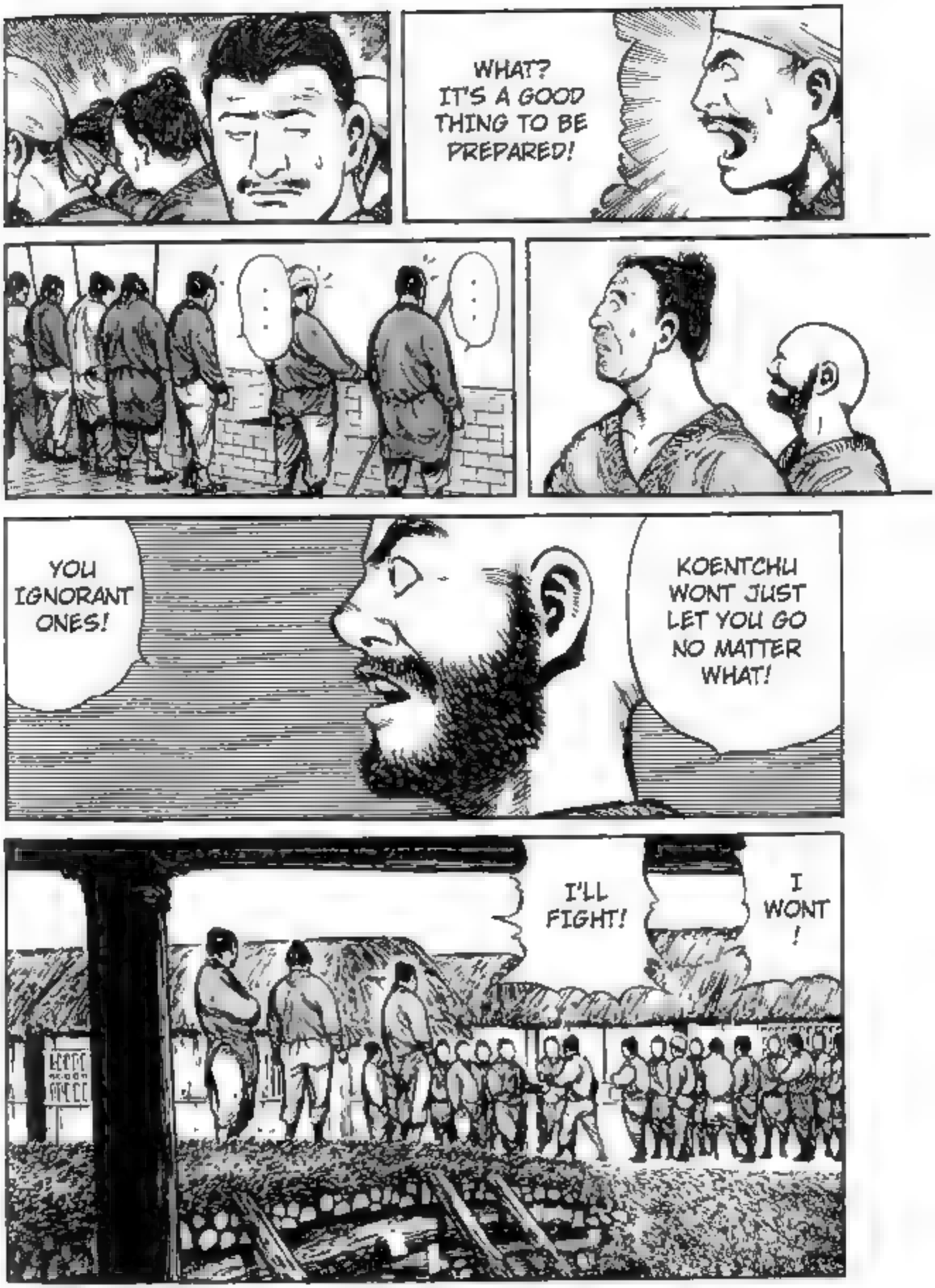
RAISE A WHITE FLAG ON THIS WALL, AND IF YOU PREFER TO FIGHT, RAISE A SPEAR

TAGADA TAGADA

TAGADA TAGADA

WHY GIVE US THIS OPTION NOW?

OUR DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ALREADY


WHAT? IT'S A GOOD THING TO BE PREPARED!
YOU IGNORANT ONES!
KOENTCHU WONT JUST LET YOU GO NO MATTER WHAT!
I'LL FIGHT!
I WONT!

I WILL FIGHT TO THE LAST BREATH!

OYA BAYA

SHUT UP!

I HAVE A WIFE AND CHILDREN, I DON'T WANT TO GO

DO YOU ACCEPT THAT THE CHILDREN WILL BE KILLED BEFORE YOUR EYES?

AND YOU, DO YOU WANT TO BE VIOLATED BY THESE ANIMALS?

FOOL, NOBODY WANTS YOUR UGLY WOMAN

WHAT?

WHO SAID THAT?

STOP THIS!

IF YOU SURRENDER, THERE WILL BE NO DEATH

AH, YOU SEE

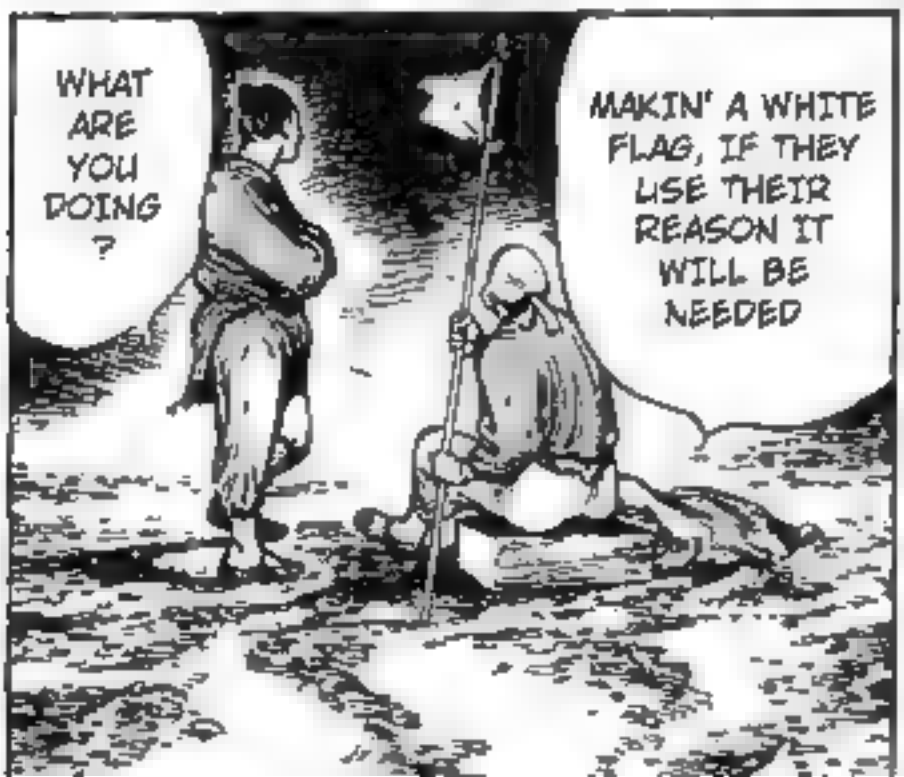
BUT A DEFEAT IS A DEFEAT!

THE MEN BECOME SLAVES AND THE WOMEN WHORES. DON'T FORGET THAT!

THINK BEFORE YOU DECIDE
IF YOU FIGHT, I AM READY TO GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU, BUT IF YOU THROW YOUR WEAPONS, THEN I WILL LEAVE THIS CITY WITHOUT A SINGLE WORD
HEY, BROTHER, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE ?
EVEN IF KAKURI WASN'T HERE, I WOULD CHOOSE COMBAT
A FEW MOMENTS AGO, YOU TREMBLED AT THE SIGHT OF KOENTCHU'S FLAG!
SHUT UP!
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ABOUT US SPYING ON THE ARMY OF TCHO LATER TONIGHT?
SONSHI SAYS "IF YOU KNOW THE EXACT POWER OF YOUR ENEMY, YOU CAN FIGHT EVEN WITHOUT AN ARMY"

GREAT! LET'S GO!

THE LEADERS OF ALL THE HAKUS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER...
BUT THEY HAVEN'T REACHED A CONCLUSION!
YOU CAN'T DECIDE IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN FIVE MINUTES!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
MAKIN' A WHITE FLAG, IF THEY USE THEIR REASON IT WILL BE NEEDED

ARE YOU STUPID? MAKE A LARGER ONE, YOU WONT BE ABLE TO SEE THAT ONE FROM A DISTANCE

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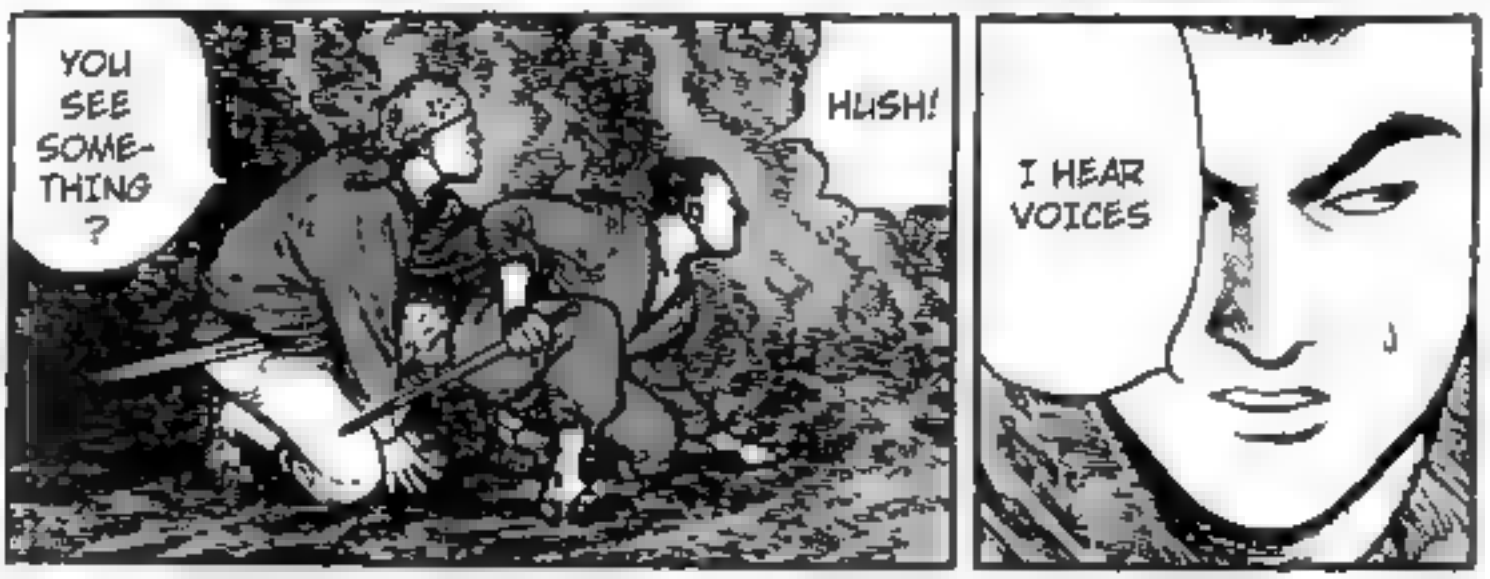

YOU SEE SOME-THING ?
HUSH!
I HEAR VOICES

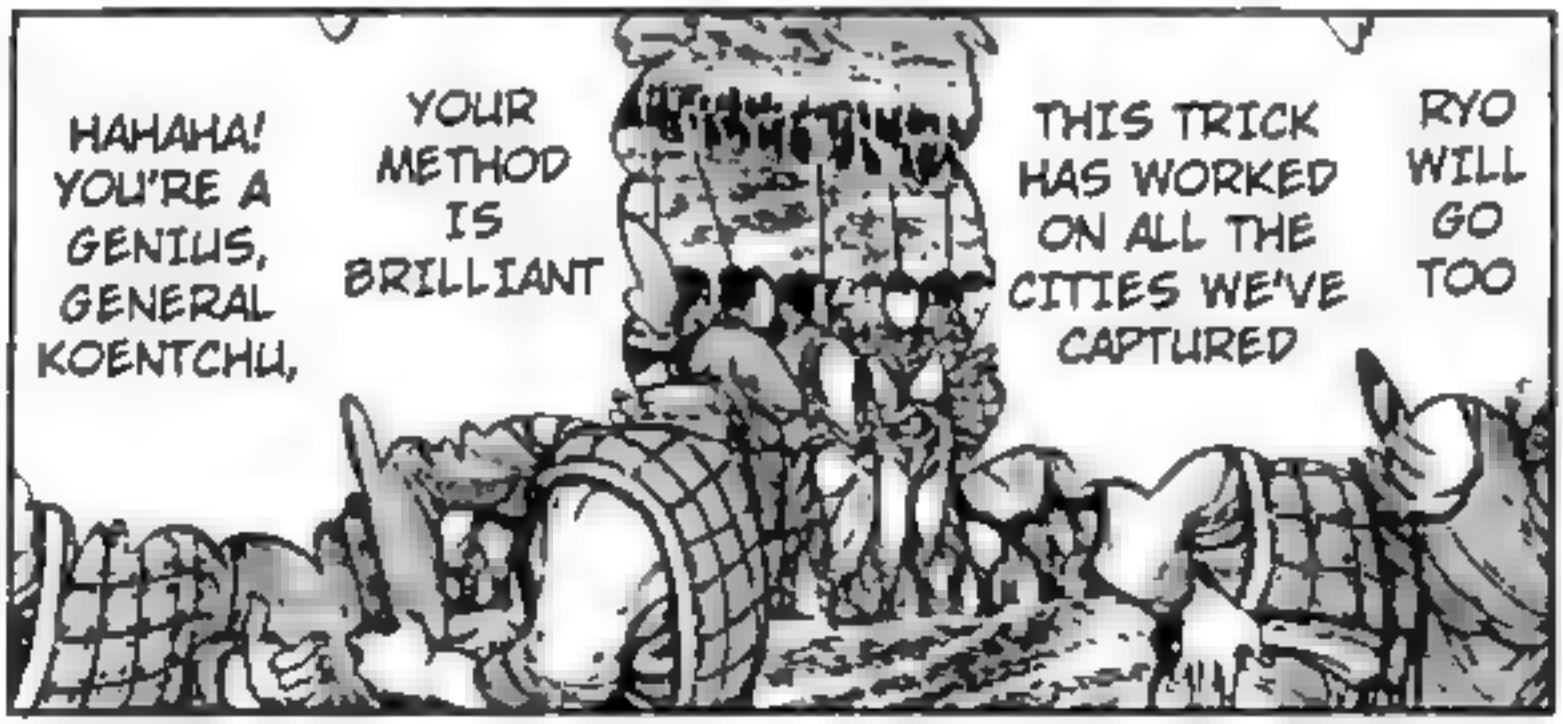
IN YOUR DREAMS, THE EKISUI RIVER IS STILL FAR AWAY
OVER THERE

!!

NO WAY! THERE'S FIFTEEN THOUSAND MEN HERE!
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY PASSED THE RIVER
WE'LL MIX DISCREETLY WITH THE SOLDIERS
MEAN-WHILE IN THE CITY
PATCH
TCHIC
I'D RATHER DIE THAN BE SOLD LIKE A SLAVE!
WHAT COUNTS IS YOUR LIFE!
EVEN IF YOU LOSE EVERYTHING, WHAT YOU'LL KEEP IS YOUR LIFE...
OOH! WE NOBLES HAVE TOO MUCH TO LOSE
GENERALLY, WE WOULD NOT EVEN DISCUSS THESE THINGS WITH THE PEASANTS

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? MISTER KAKURI DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THAT
ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS HIS... ERH...
DIGNITY?
EXACTLY! HIS DIGNITY AS A HUMAN BEING
HE SAYS THAT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN LIFE
A MAN IS NOT A HORSE OR A PIG!
I REFUSE SLAVERY !!!
THINK ABOUT IT, WE HAVE TIME TO SPARE
PATCH
TCHIC

AND AMONG THE SOLDIERS OF TCHO...


HAHAHA! YOU'RE A GENIUS, GENERAL KOENTCHU,
YOUR METHOD IS BRILLIANT
THIS TRICK HAS WORKED ON ALL THE CITIES WE'VE CAPTURED
RYO WILL GO TOO

I JUST HAVE TO SEE THIS KOENTCHU WITH MY OWN EYES

IN THE CITY

THEN IT IS DECIDED ...

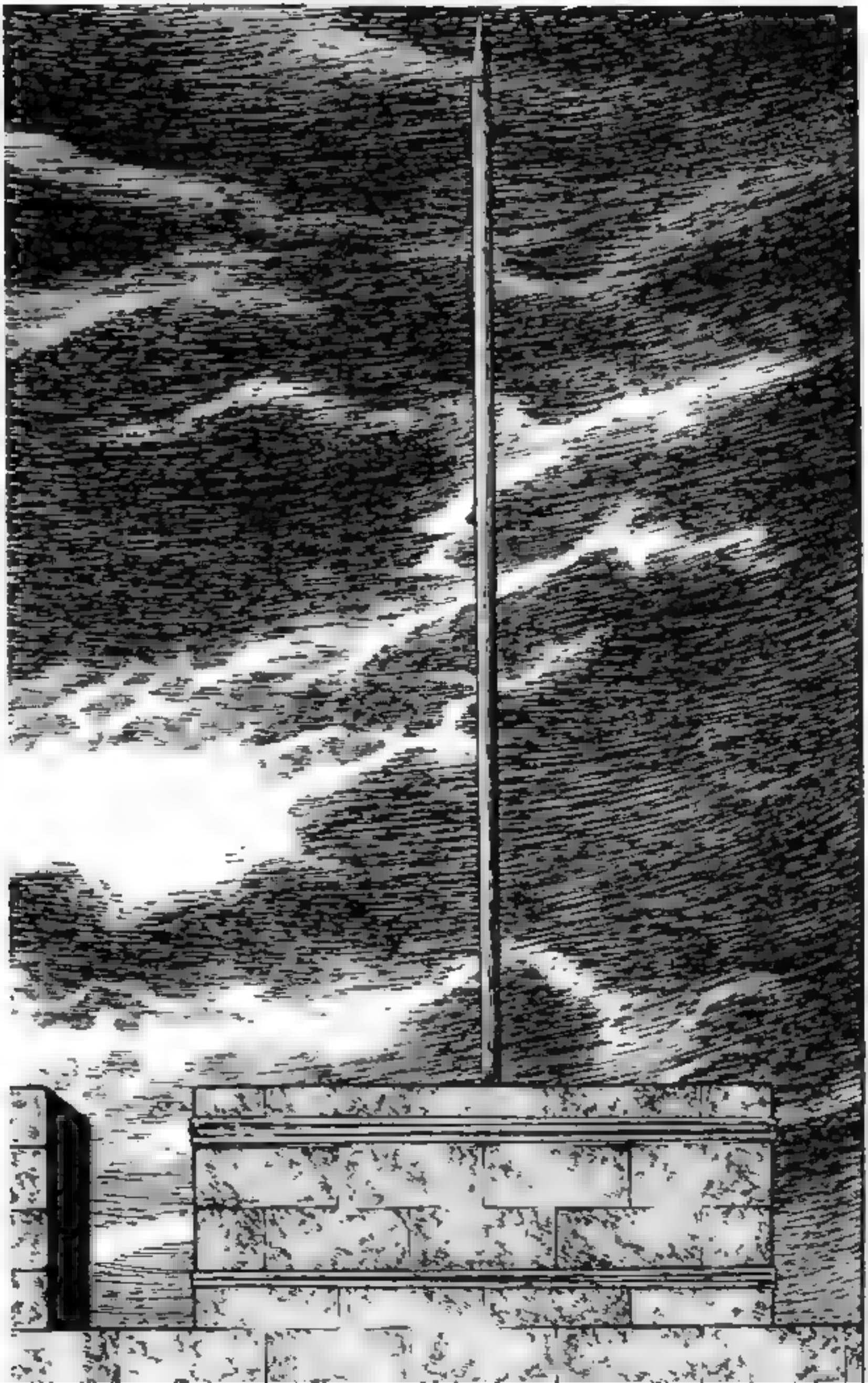
YES, EH WELL, IF EVERYONE AGREES

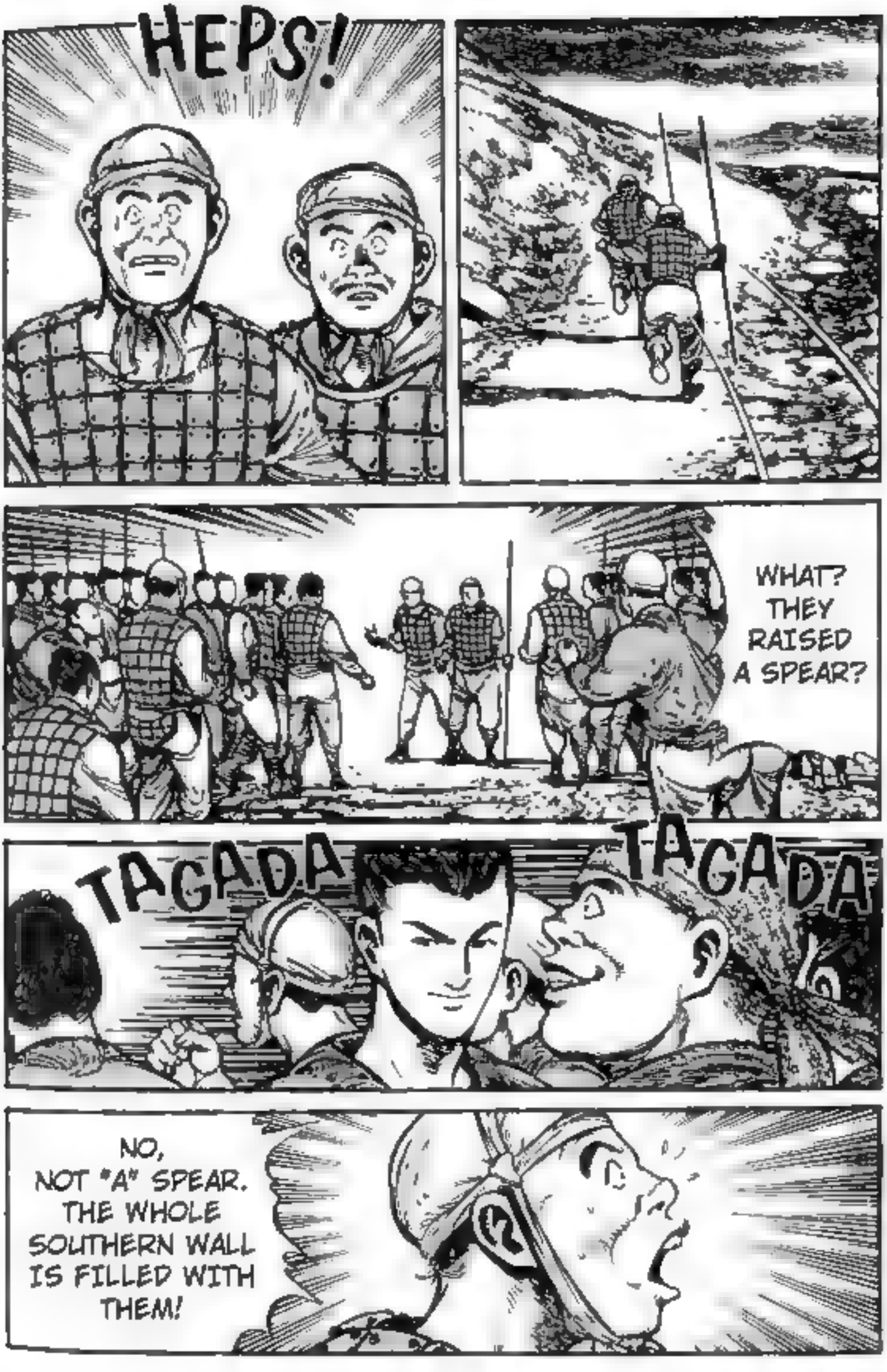
WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO RAISE THE FLAG?

GUESS WE'LL SEE A WHITE ONE, HUH?

OOOF

OH! LOOK!




HEPS!
WHAT? THEY RAISED A SPEAR?
TAGADA
TAGADA
NO, NOT "A" SPEAR. THE WHOLE SOUTHERN WALL IS FILLED WITH THEM!

BASTARDS, WE'LL SHOW THEM!

GENERAL! LET'S ATTACK!

WAHO

LONG LIVE THE GEN-ERAL !

KOEN-TCHU !!!

WAOO

WAOO

WAHO

WAHO

JUST AS WELL,

OUR ATTACK WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW AS PLANNED!

HOURRA

OUAIS

IT'S HIM! KOEN-TCHU!

HE DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A MESSENGER

THEY PREPARED FOR WAR IN JUST ONE MONTH, THE MEN OF BOKK MUST BE EXTRAORDINARY

I CAN'T WAIT TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM

THE MAN OF BOKK, KAKURI...
GENERAL KOENTCHU...
BEFORE THEY'VE EVEN MET, THEY CAN BOTH FEEL THE COURAGE OF THEIR OPPONENT

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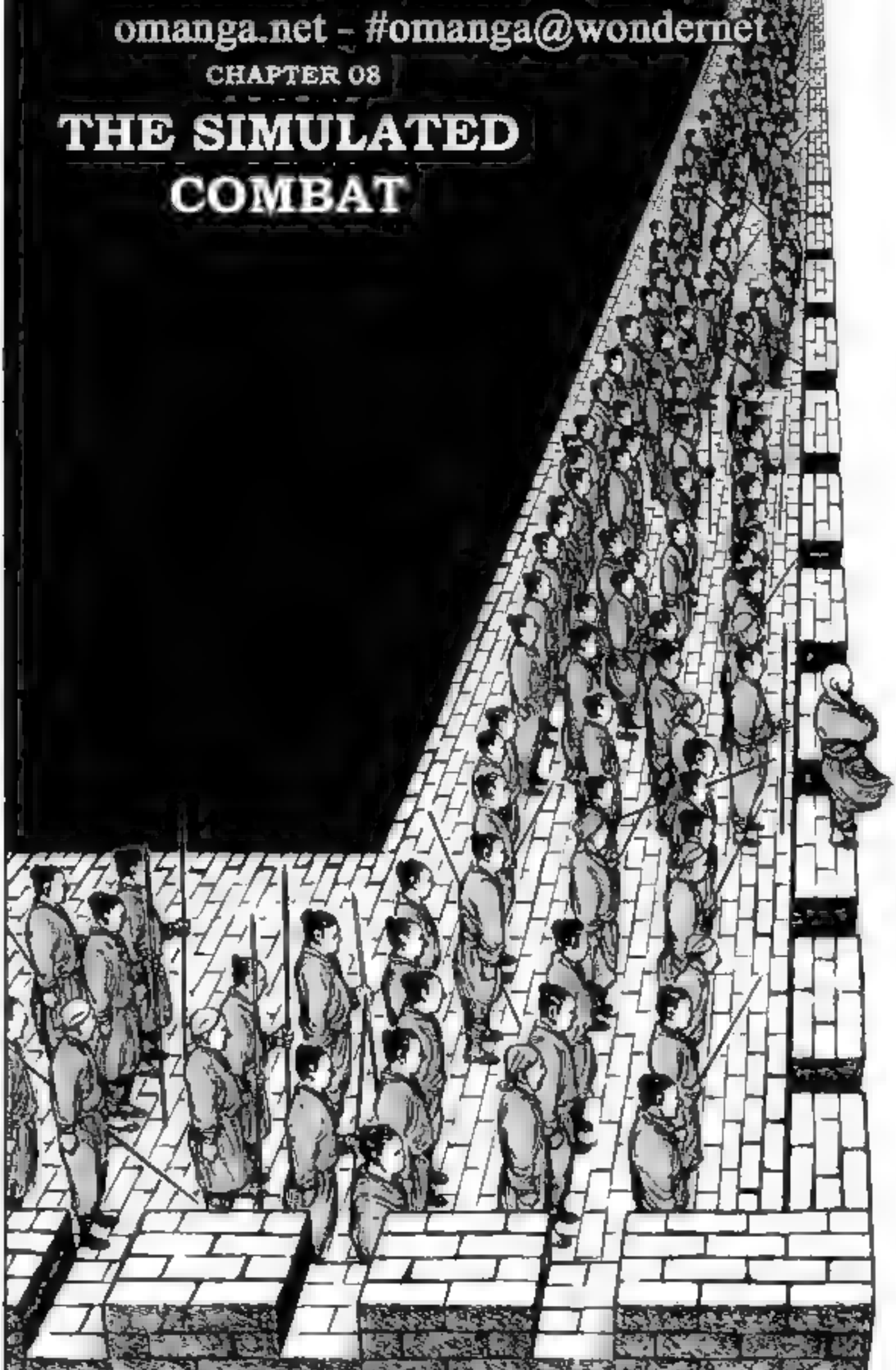
CHAPTER 08

THE SIMULATED COMBAT



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THE MORNING OF THE DECISIVE BATTLE

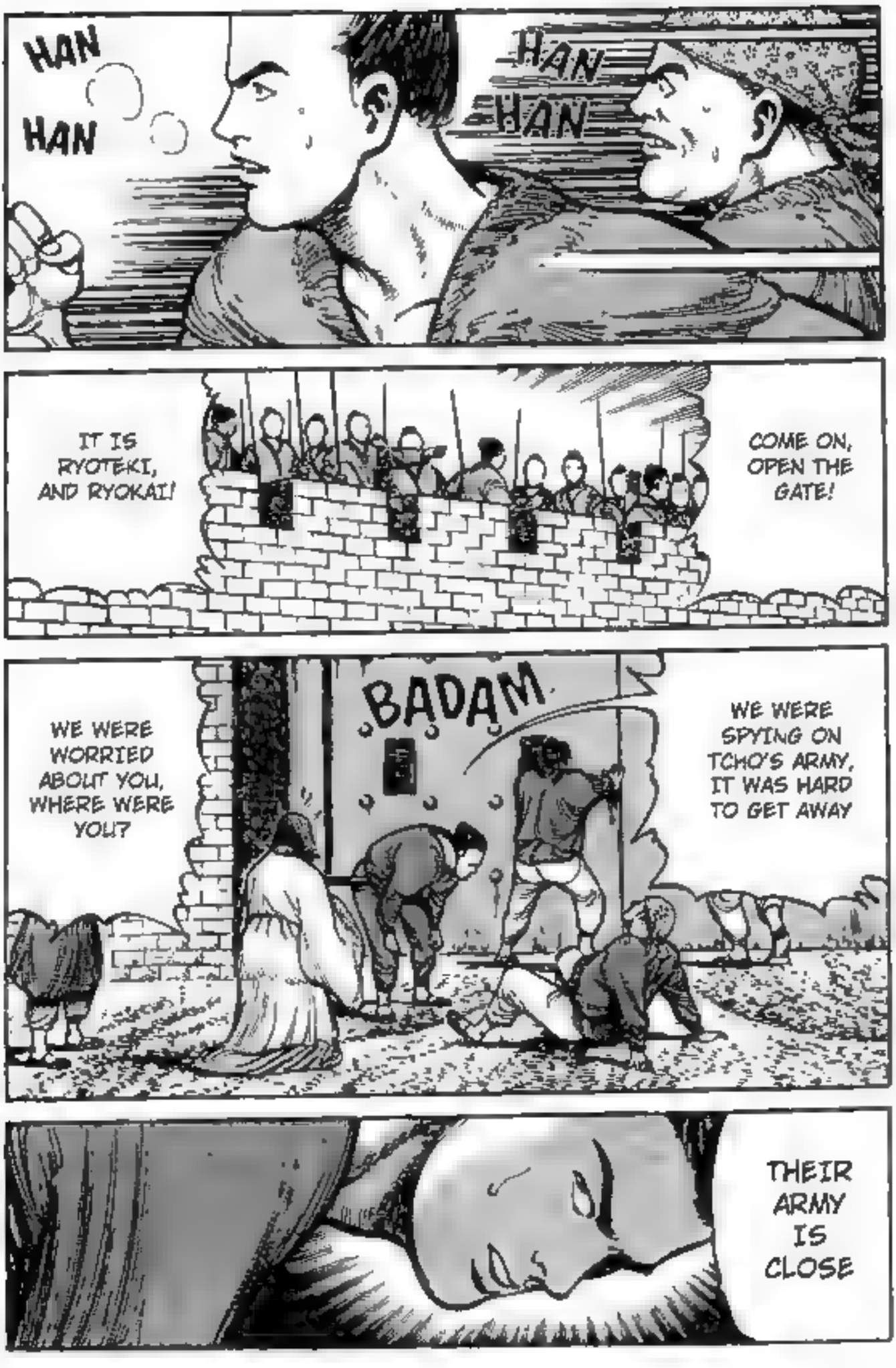
GLA GLA

DZA DZA DZA

THEY ... THEY'RE COMING

AAIIEE!

DON'T PANIC! IT MIGHT JUST BE A MESSENGER


HAN
HAN
HAN
HAN
IT IS RYOTEKI, AND RYOKAI!
COME ON, OPEN THE GATE!
BADAM
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, WHERE WERE YOU?
WE WERE SPYING ON TCHO'S ARMY, IT WAS HARD TO GET AWAY
THEIR ARMY IS CLOSE

HARK !

ACCORDING TO KAKURI, WE ARE READY TO FACE THEM

AND MY HON-OURED FATHER ?

ERH, PRINCE ... ABOUT THAT ...

WHAT? IS HE STILL IN BED, TREMBLING IN THE ARMS OF A MISTRESS? HOW UNWORTHY!

HERE THEY COME

THE ARMY OF TCHO IS HERE !!!

OUAAH
OUAAH

ON THE SOUTHERN HILL,
TAP TAP TAP
THEY ARE AT LEAST FIFTEEN THOUSAND

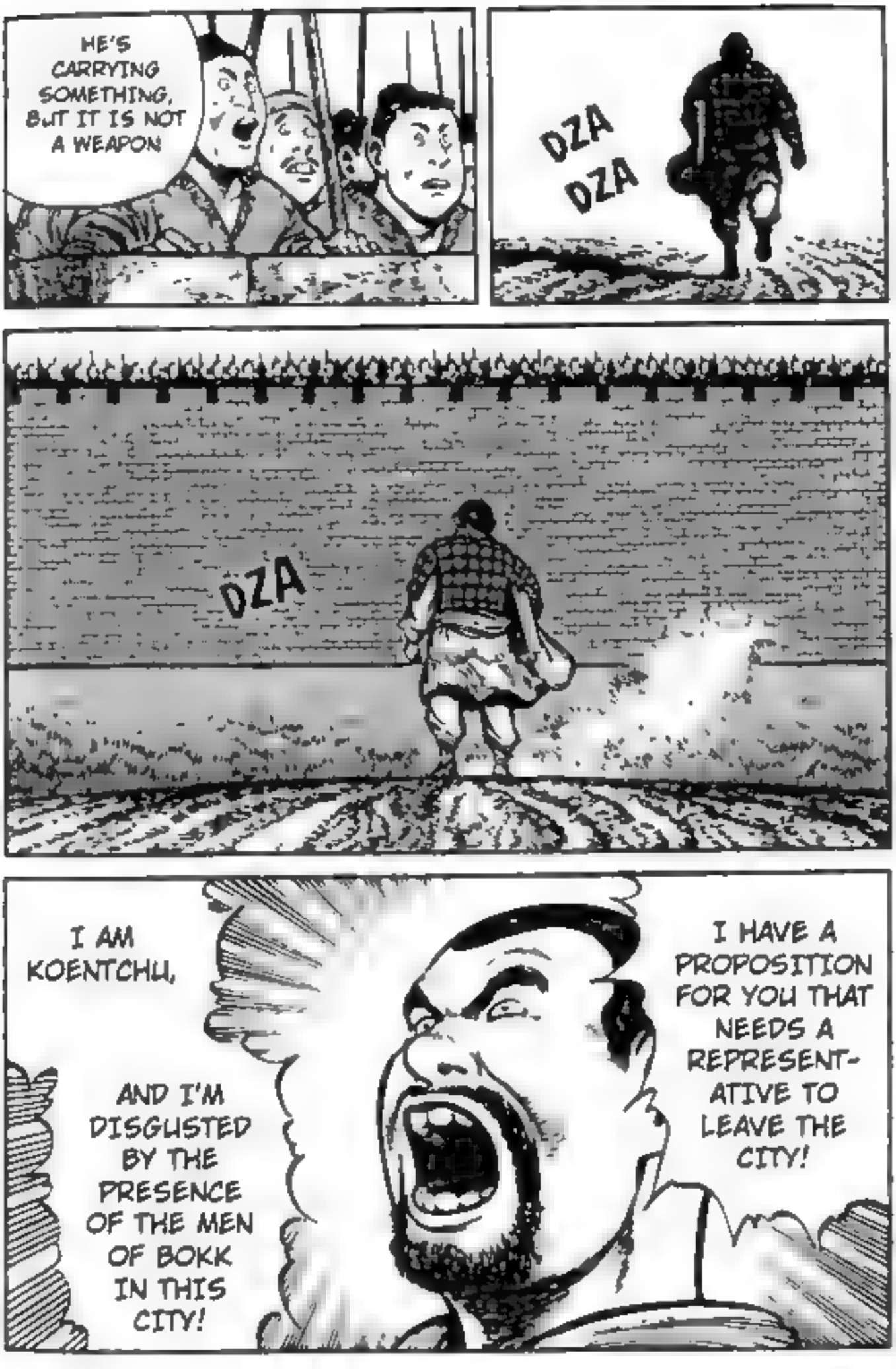
OUIIIN
HAAAN

WHY DON'T THEY COME ANY CLOSER?

WE CAN'T REACH THEM WITH OUR ARROWS

ONE OF THEM IS HEADING TOWARDS US

DZA DZA


HE'S CARRYING SOMETHING, BUT IT IS NOT A WEAPON
DZA DZA
DZA
I AM KOENTCHU,
AND I'M DISGUSTED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE MEN OF BOKK IN THIS CITY!
I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU THAT NEEDS A REPRESENT-ATIVE TO LEAVE THE CITY!

KOENTCHU? HIM? BUT THAT'S THE MESSENGER FROM THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY

HOWEVER IT'S STILL HIM, THE GREAT GENERAL KOENTCHU

I'LL GO

HUH?

IT IS PROBABLY A TRAP

MISTER KAKURI, IF YOU GET HURT NOW ...

KOENTCHU IS A BRAVE MAN, HE WILL NOT TRY ANYTHING

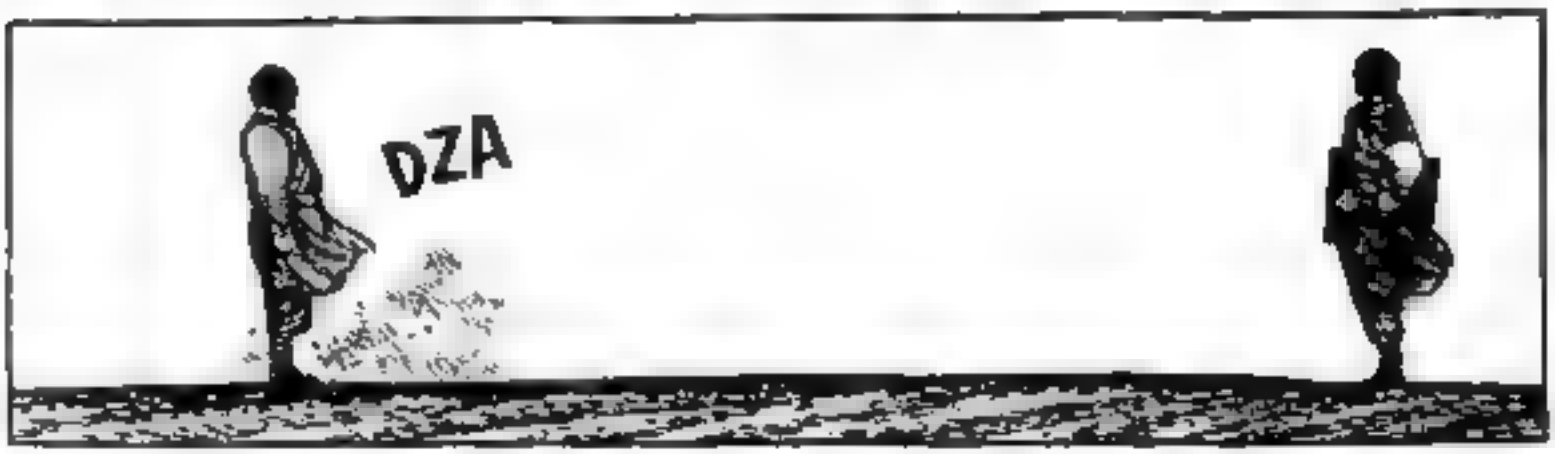
IF TCHO'S ARMY STARTS MOVING, WE'LL COME HELP YOU!

BE CAREFUL

HMPF

DZA
DZA

DZA
DZA


DZA

KAKURI, MAN OF BOKK!

HEAD GENERAL KOENTCHU!

HEH!
TSUN
I'M OFFERING YOU A GAME, A GAME THAT WILL SIMULATE THE WAR
ONE OF MY SOLDIERS, WHO'S A FINE CRAFTSMAN, MADE IT
HERE, IT IS THE CITY OF RYO, YOU MUST DEFEND IT
THE STONES ARE YOUR SOLDIERS
IT IS A SIMULATED COMBAT, BUT AN IMPORTANT ONE:
IF YOU WIN, I WITHDRAW MYSELF, BUT IF I WIN, YOU GIVE UP THE CITY WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS

AMU-
SING,
HUH?

I WAS TOLD THAT BOKKTEKI, FOUNDER OF THE BOKK CLAN, PREVIOUSLY HAD AVOIDED A USELESS CARNAGE BY A SIMILAR GAME

EXACTLY, THE HONORABLE BOKKTEKI COULD BY USING THIS CONQUER THE TSEU ARMY

I WILL START!

THESE BLACK STONES ARE THE MEN OF BOKK

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM

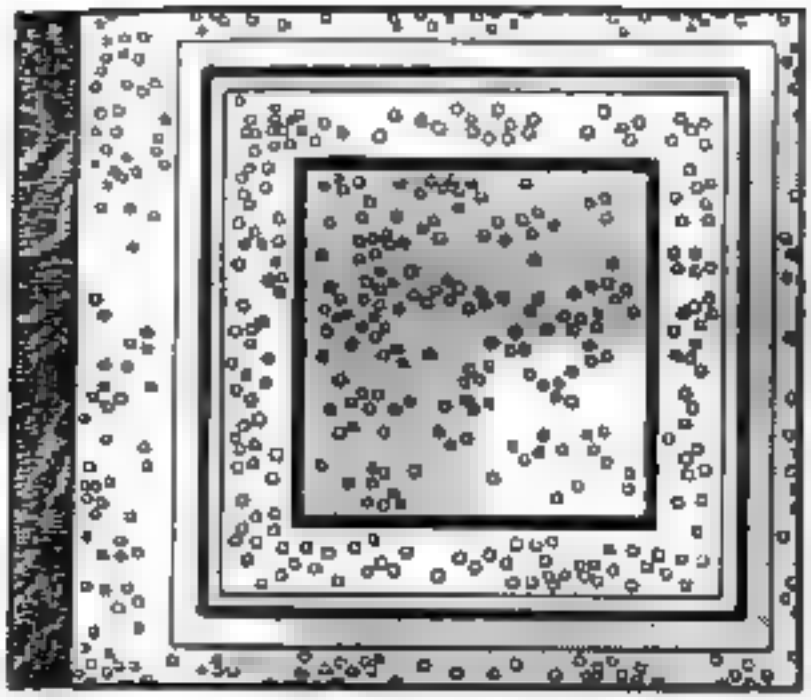
GLA GLA GLA

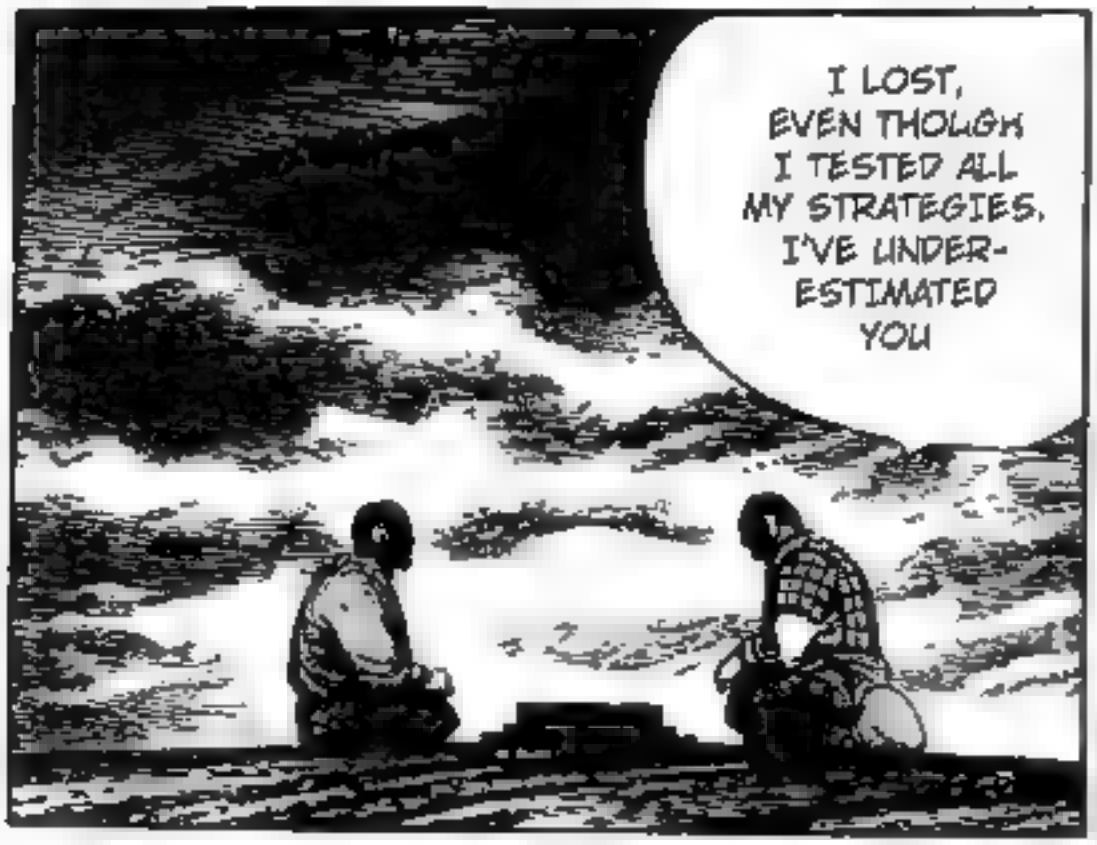
PATCH

PHEW, HOW PLEASANT !
DENJOSHI, THE HEAD OF THE BOKK CLAN, TRUSTS ME ENTIRELY. HE GAVE ME UNLIMITED POWER
AND YOU ACCEPTED THAT, YOU'RE ALL ALONE!
PATCH
JUST AS WELL, LET'S START, I'LL GO FIRST.
I ARRIVE ONE MORNING, IN THE EAST, DURING NIGHT

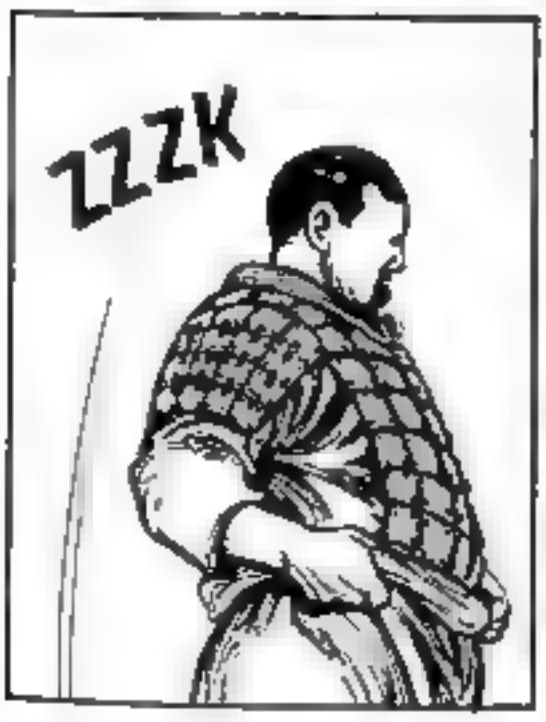
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
MIOM
BY MAKING THIS MOVE, YOU SACRIFICE YOUR OWN MEN
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ...
... I'VE ALREADY TAKEN OUT THIRTY OF YOUR MEN
趙

I DON'T LIKE THIS, IF WE WIN THIS WAY, IT IS NOT A VICTORY
NO, MY WAY WOULD BE BETTER
THE GENERAL IS TIRED OF SHEADING BLOOD WHEN IT ISN'T NECESSARY
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME ... THE SUN HAS ALREADY SET




I LOST, EVEN THOUGH I TESTED ALL MY STRATEGIES, I'VE UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU

THERE-FORE, YOU WILL WITHDRAW YOUR TROOPS


ZZZK

IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION

THE WAR HAS IT'S RISKS

WE WILL FIGHT

SORRY, OLD MAN

PAN PAN

DZA

DZA

KAKURI, YOU CLAIM TO HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF DENJOSHI, BUT I KNOW THAT YOU'RE LYING

BOKKTEKI SAID THAT THE MASSACRES OF WAR ARE THE GREATEST OF CRIMES

THIS IS WHY THE MEN OF BOKK SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND OTHERS

...
BUT BELIEVERS GROW THINNER FROM WARS

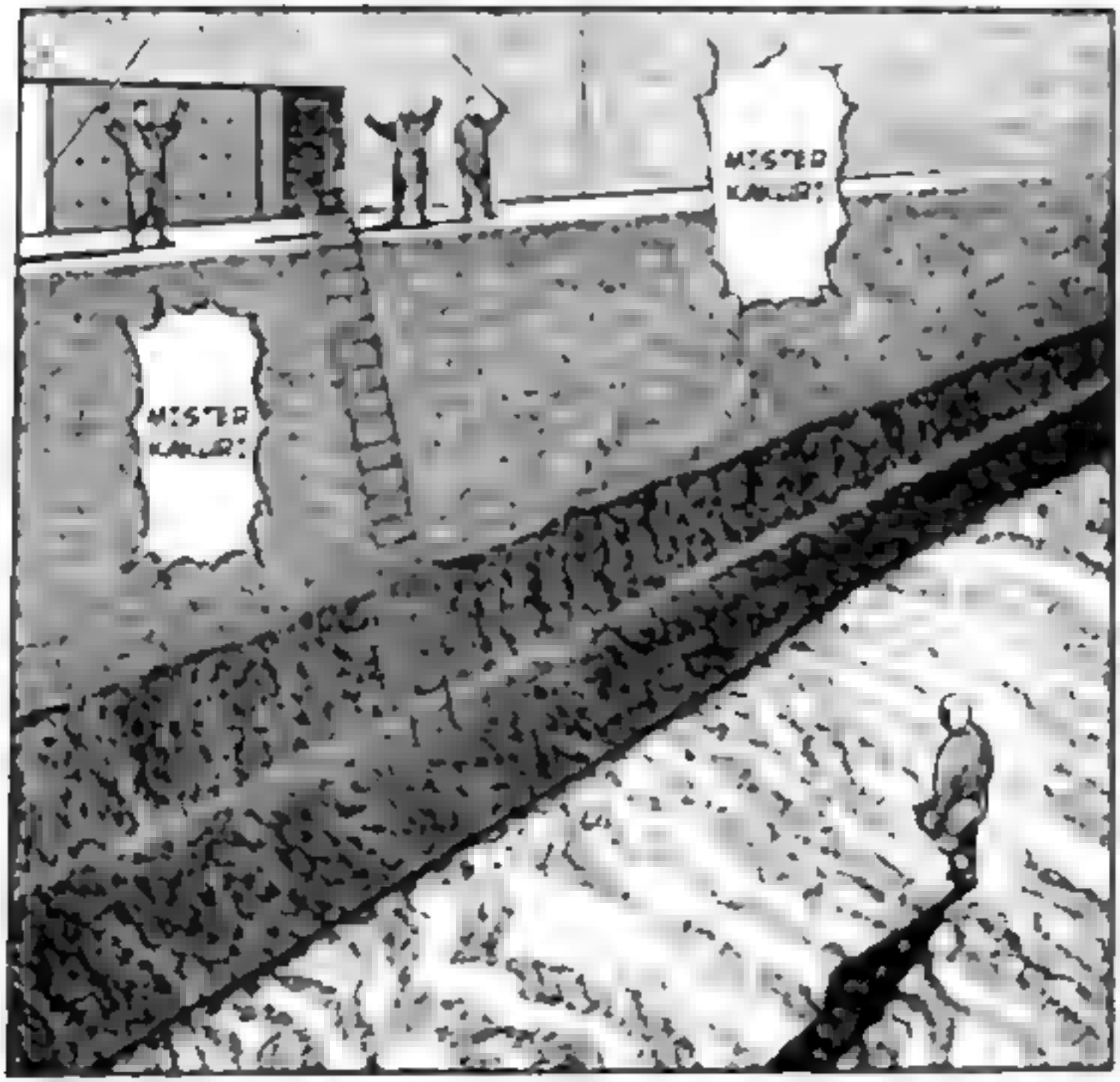
I'VE HEARD THAT THE BOKK CLAN HAS STARTED TO STUMBLE

ITS IDEALS IS BEGINNING TO ROT.

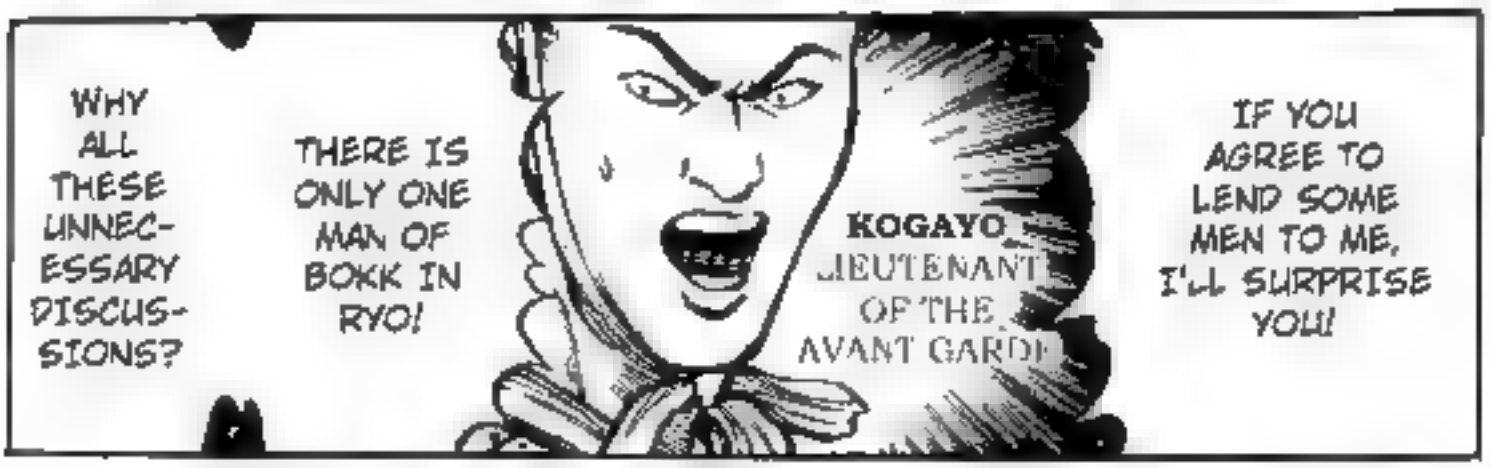
I DO NOT KNOW THAT FOR SURE, BUT THE FACT THAT THEY ONLY SENT ONE MAN TELLS ME YOU'RE IN SERIOUS CRISIS

Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z

DZA
DZA


MISTER KALIJI

OH KALIJI! IT'S ONLY IN YOUR MIND THAT WAR WILL EVER CEASE TO EXIST


WHY ALL THESE UNNEC-ESSARY DISCUS-SIONS?
THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN OF BOKK IN RYO!
KOGAYO
LIEUTENANT OF THE AVANT GARDE
IF YOU AGREE TO LEND SOME MEN TO ME, I'LL SURPRISE YOU!

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ONE MONTH, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME,

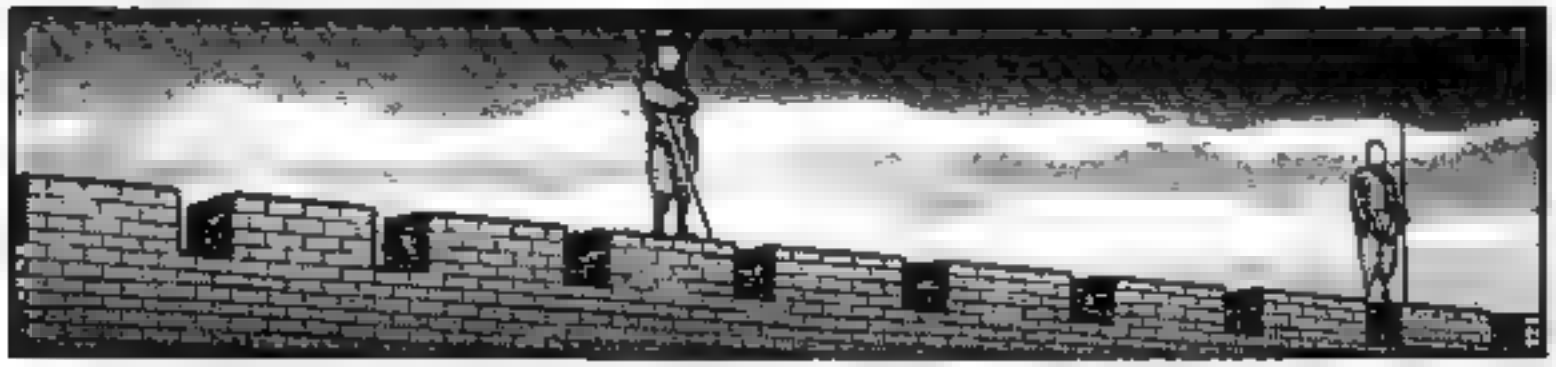
THE MEN WON'T HAVE PATIENCE MUCH LONGER,

YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION

THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN OF BOKK, BUT THIS KAKURI IS NOT AN ORDINARY MAN

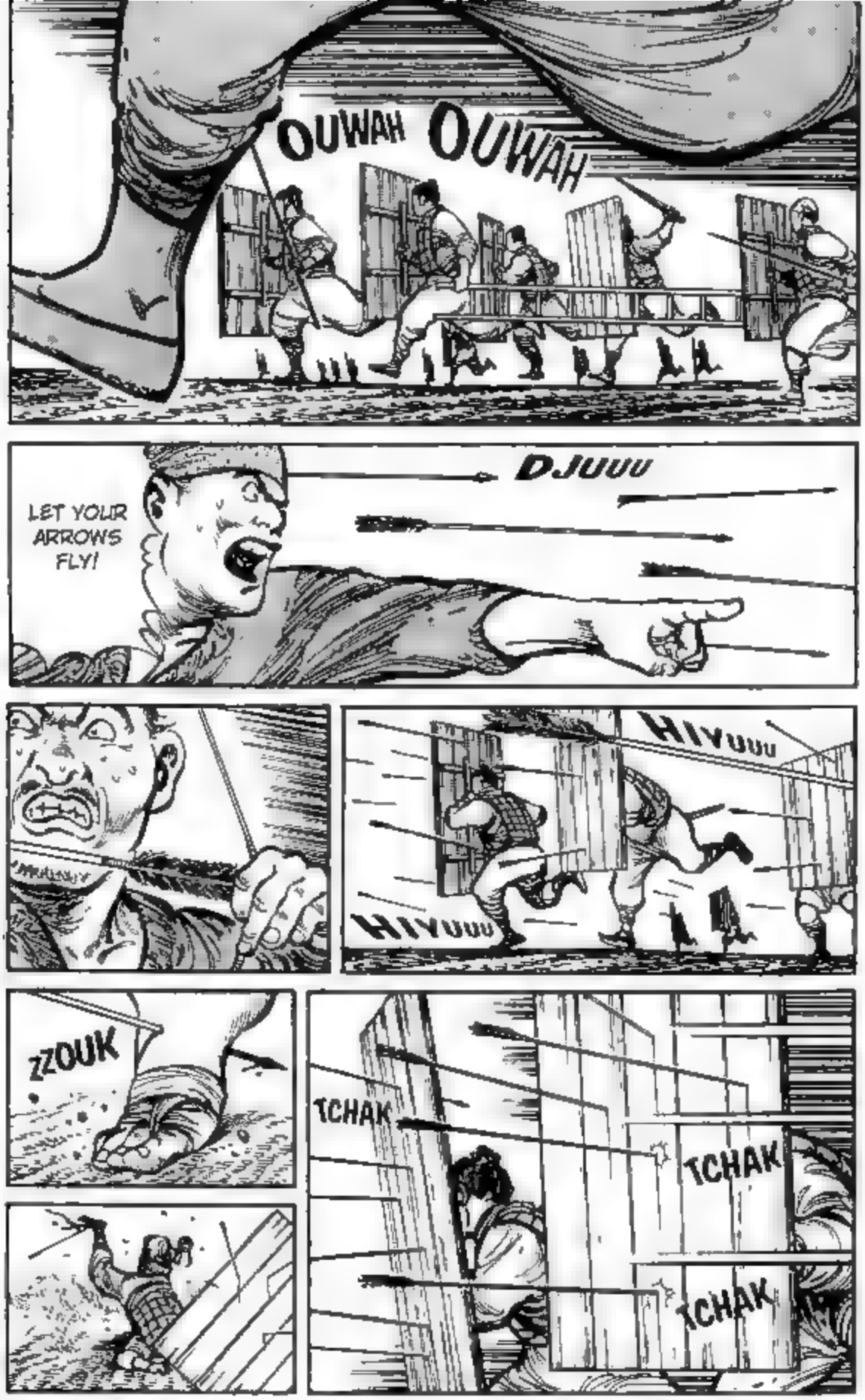
THE CITY IS SMALL BUT IT WILL BE WELL PROTECTED

DAMN IT! WE'LL LET KOGAYO HAVE A TRY



HERE THEY COME!
HERE THEY ARE, ON THE HILLS,
THEY'RE ATTACKING!

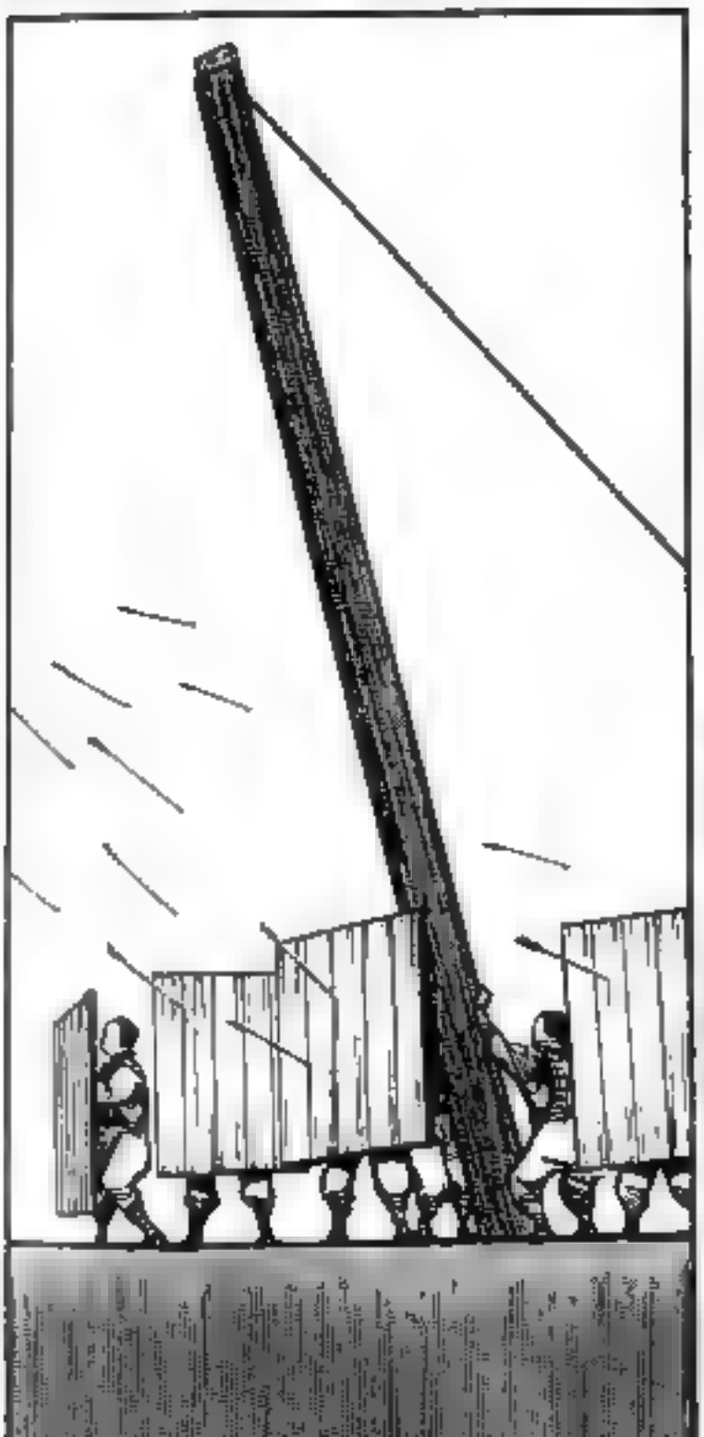
HAH HAH HAH! HERE THEY COME! HERE THEY COME!
TOC TOC TOC
LOOK! LOOK! HERE IS A FART ON BEHALF OF LORD RYOKAI
POUET POUET
THERE'S A THOUSAND OF THEM, THIS WILL BE A GOOD START!


OUWAH OUWAH
LET YOUR ARROWS FLY!
DJUUU
HIYUUU
HIYUUU
ZZOUK
TCHAK
TCHAK
TCHAK

THEIR SHIELDS ARE IN THE WAY
STOP! DO NOT WASTE YOUR ARROWS

HAH HAH HAH! WELL DONE MY GOOD MEN!

NOW INCREASE THE INTENSITY!



WHAT THE ..?
DON

WOUAAH
WOUAAH
DZA
DZA
JUST KEEP RUNNING!
AAAAH!
DZA
DZA
DZA
HAH HAH! AFTER FIRING THEIR ARROWS, THEY FLEE LIKE RABBITS
A SMALL FORTRESS, THIS WILL BE EASY!
KOENTCHU, YOU WERE TERRIFIED BY A SINGLE MAN, JUST AS WELL, NOW I WILL CONQUER THE CITY!

THIS IS A GOOD START, THEN I WILL CONQUER THE WHOLE COUNTRY!
DA DA DA DA
COME ON, NOW!
OOUU UURH !!!
HOO RAY !!!
TCHICK
DO NOT THINK OF TCHO'S SOLDIERS AS MEN, BUT CATTLE!

RISE !!!

TCHOCK

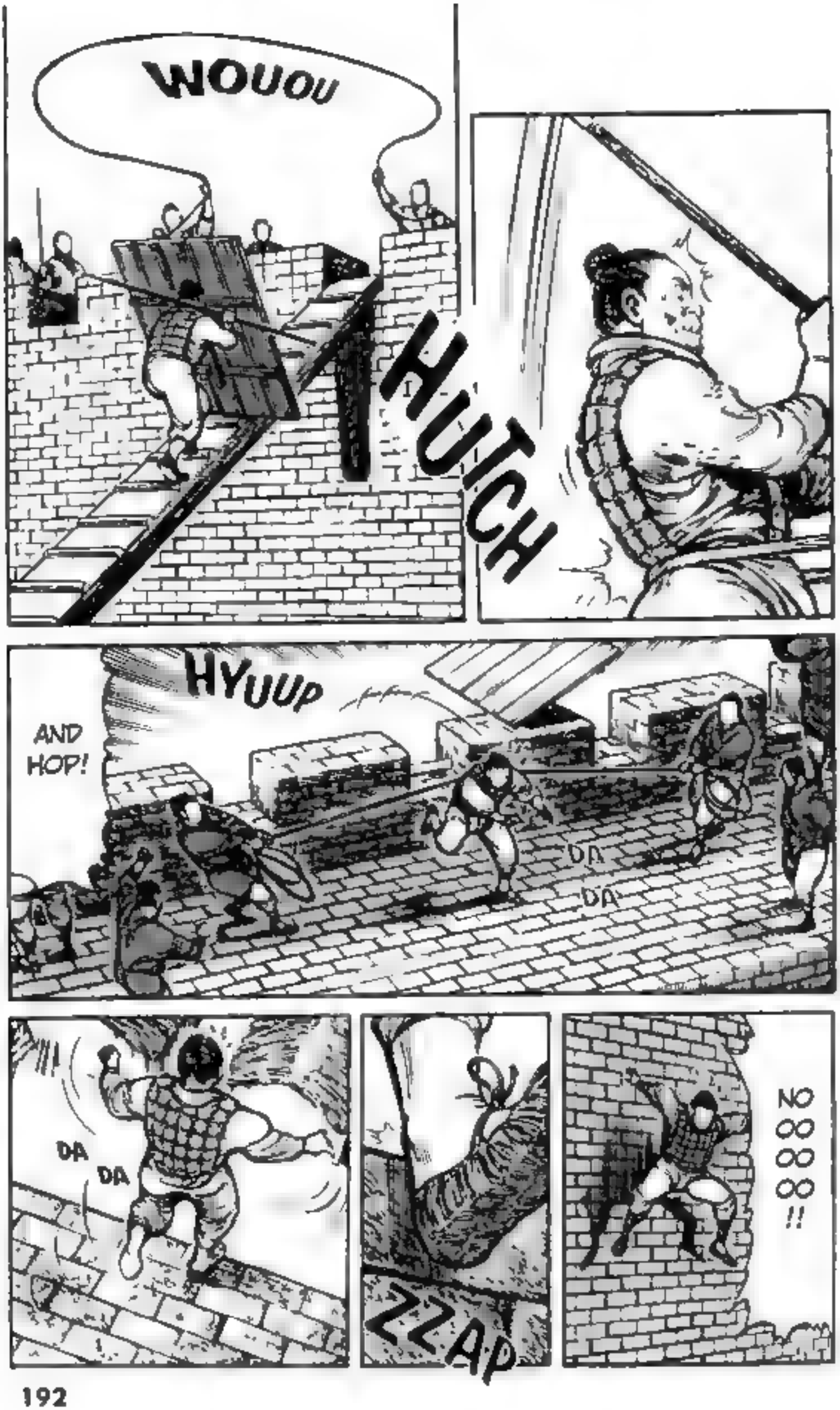
KEEP ON GOING,

WE MUST PASS THAT WALL!

DJOCK

GHYAAH

OOO
OOH
!!!
DOCK
GRRRL
BEURK
RYOTEKI, YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO VOMIT!


WOUOU
HUTCH
HYUUP
AND HOP!
DA
DA
DA
DA
ZZAP
NO
OOOO
!!

TCHOUFFF

IT HURTS

OUAH

WOUH

YAH

NOO OOO OOO !!!

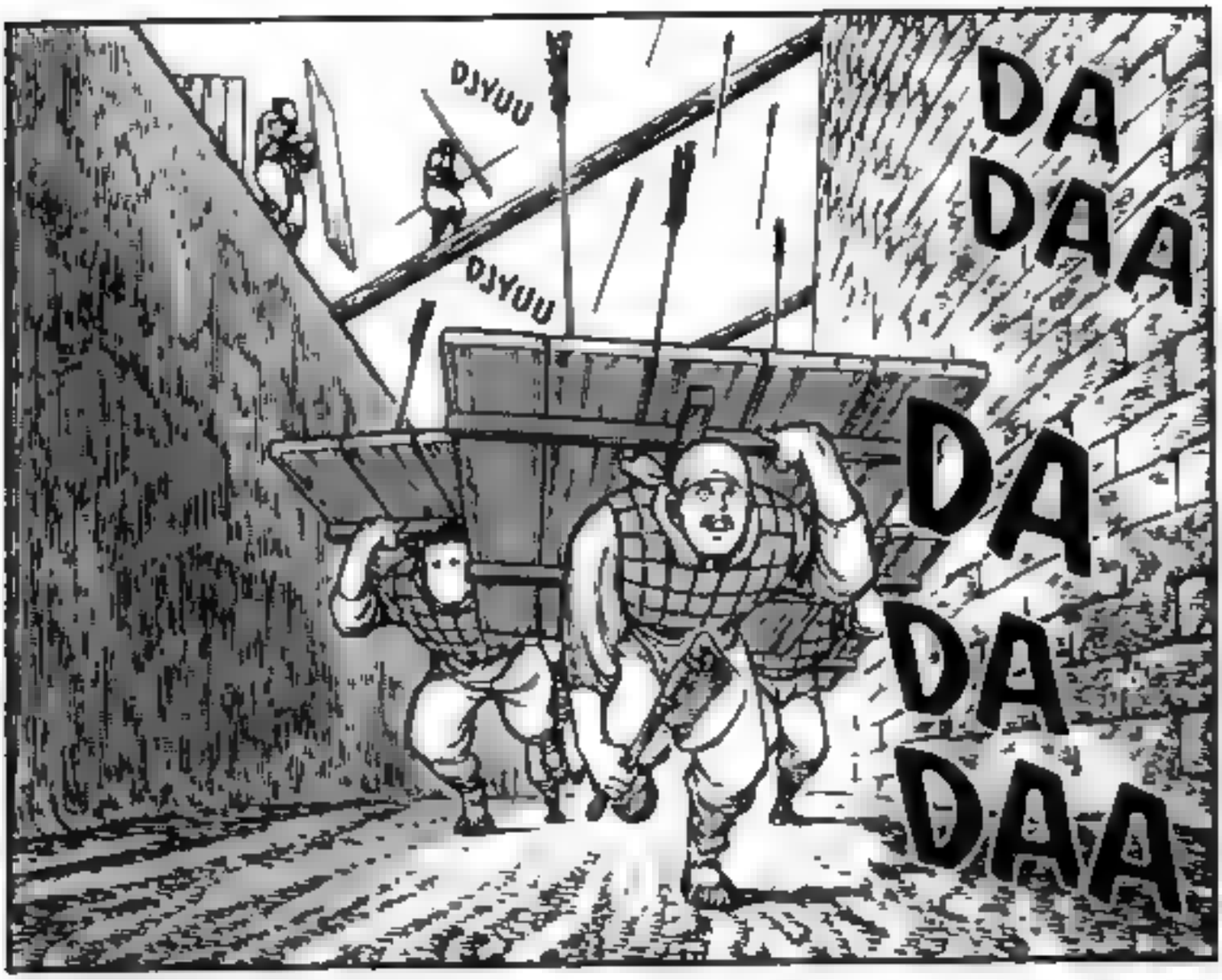
OKA

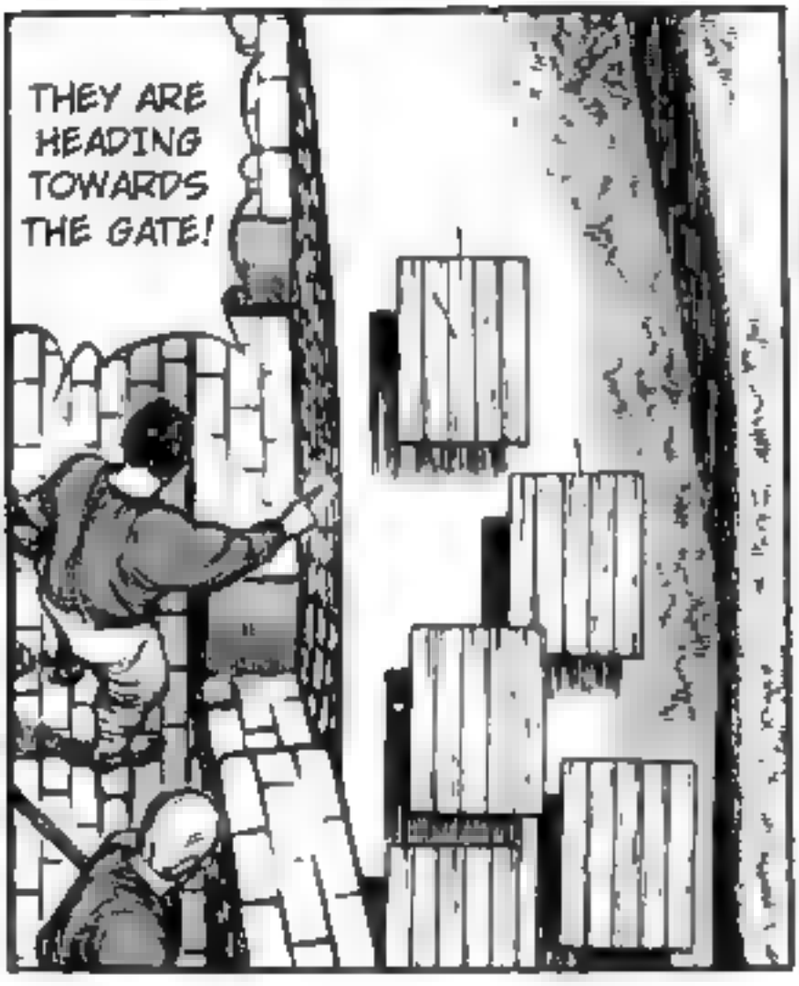
OKA

OKA

THE GATE

FORCE THE GATE OPEN!

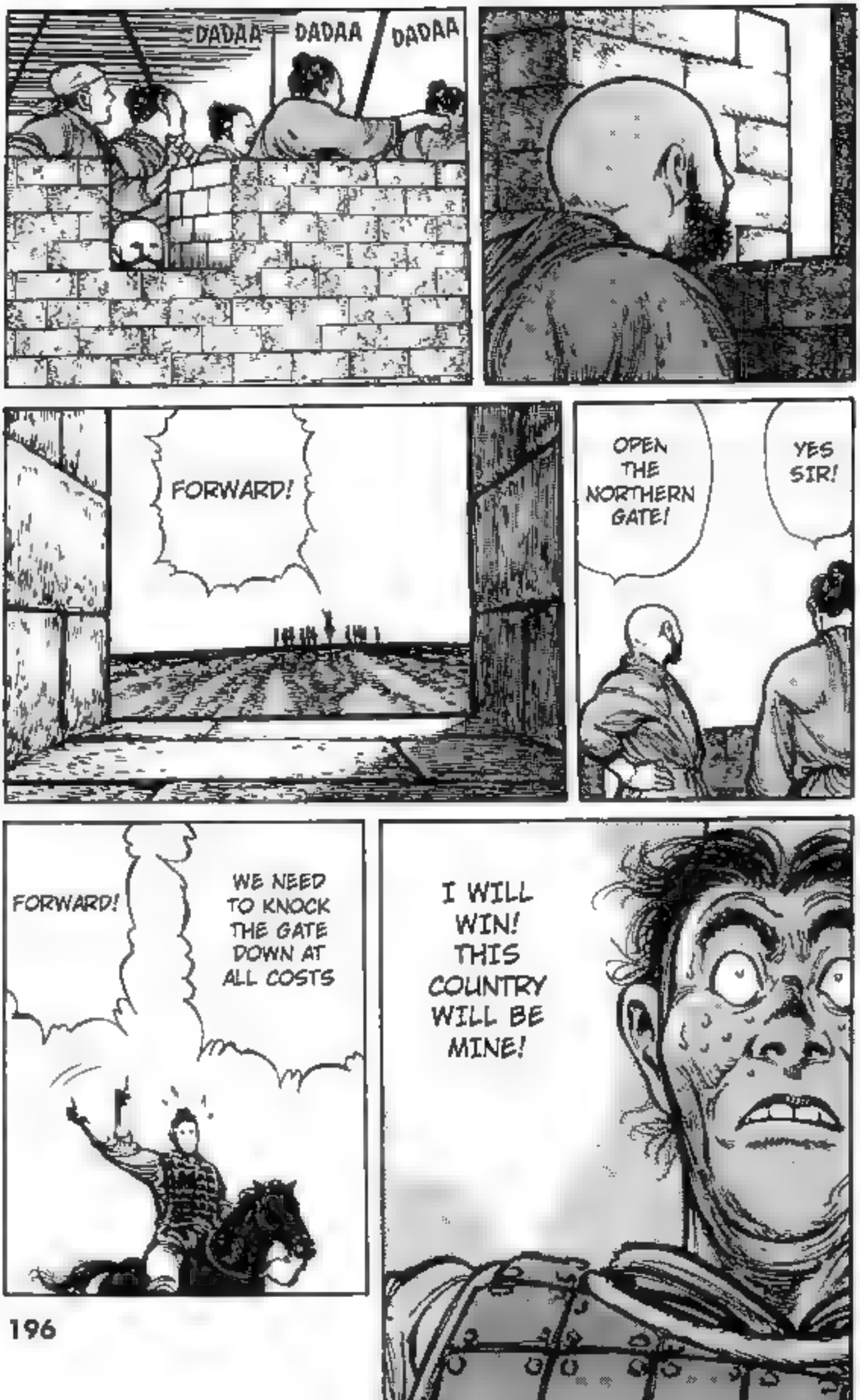

DJYUU
DJYUU
DA
DAA
DA
DA
DAA

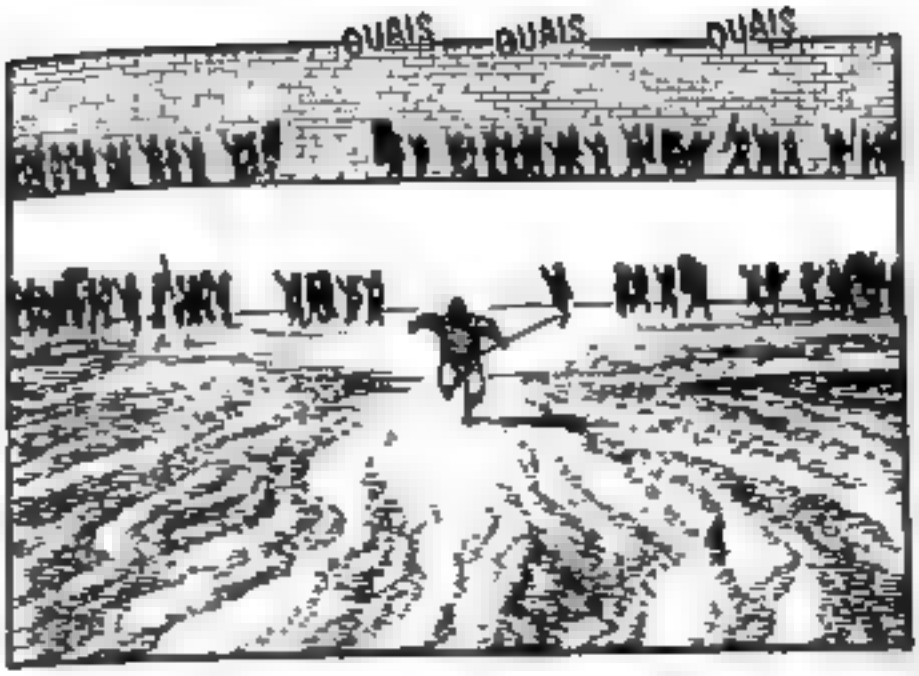

THEY ARE HEADING TOWARDS THE GATE!

WE'LL CRUSH THEM LIKE INSECTS !!!

DZZA

CHKRAK
WHAA AAAA ARGH !!!
AAA!!
GRACK
HOH OOH RG!
SHIYUUCK
KSHACK


DADAA
DADAA
DADAA
FORWARD!
OPEN THE NORTHERN GATE!
YES SIR!
FORWARD!
WE NEED TO KNOCK THE GATE DOWN AT ALL COSTS
I WILL WIN! THIS COUNTRY WILL BE MINE!

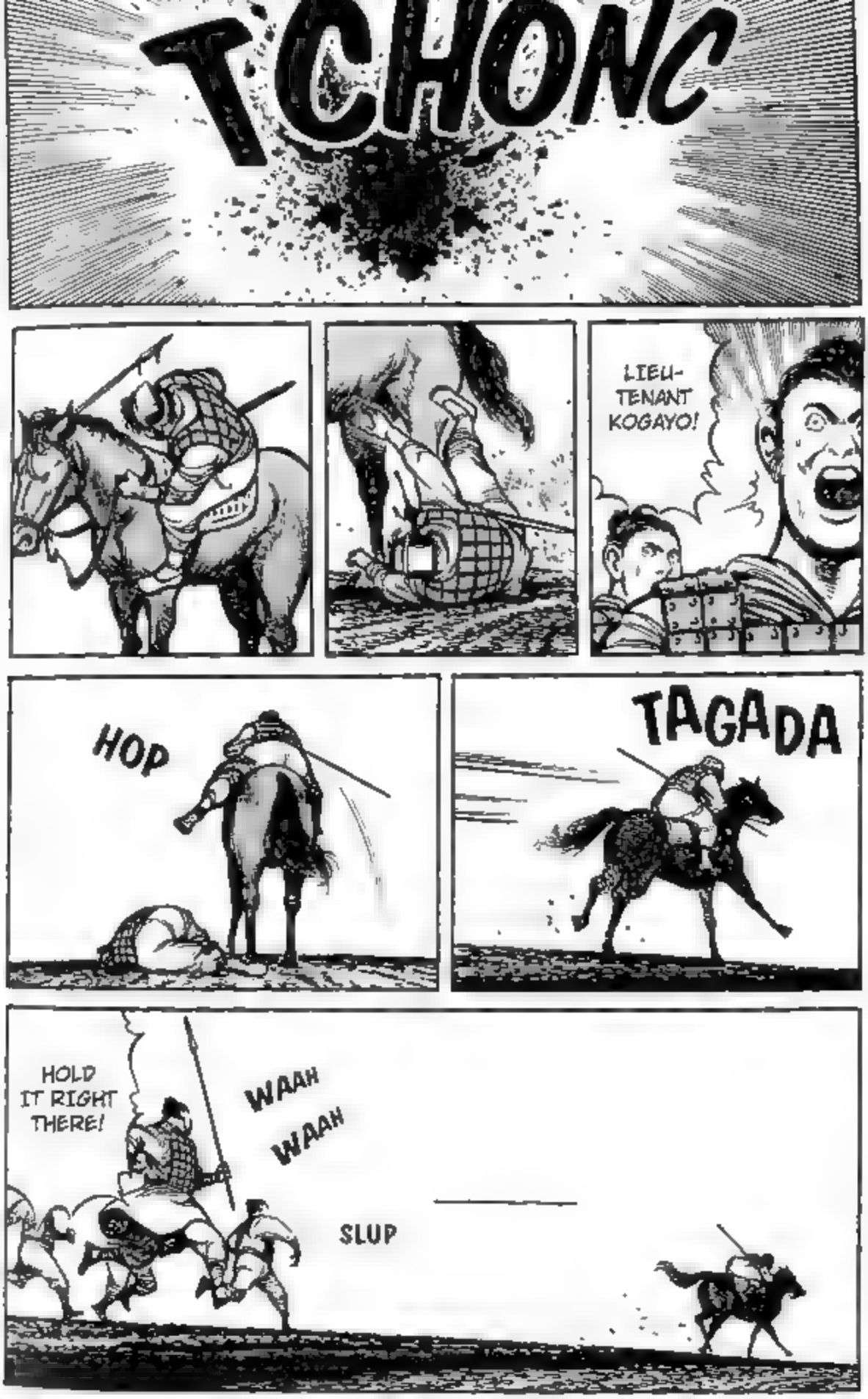

OUAIS
OUAIS
OUAIS

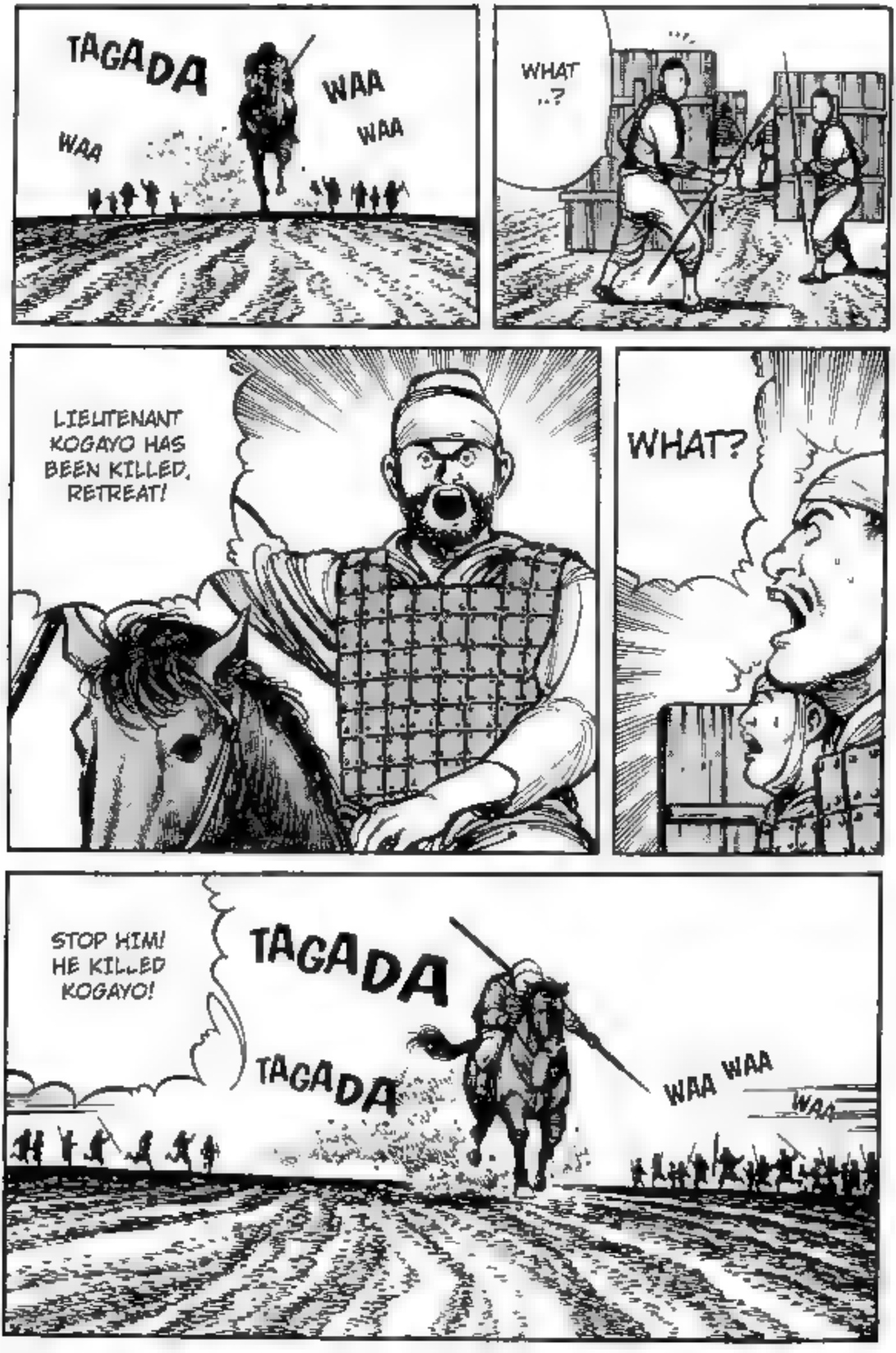
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

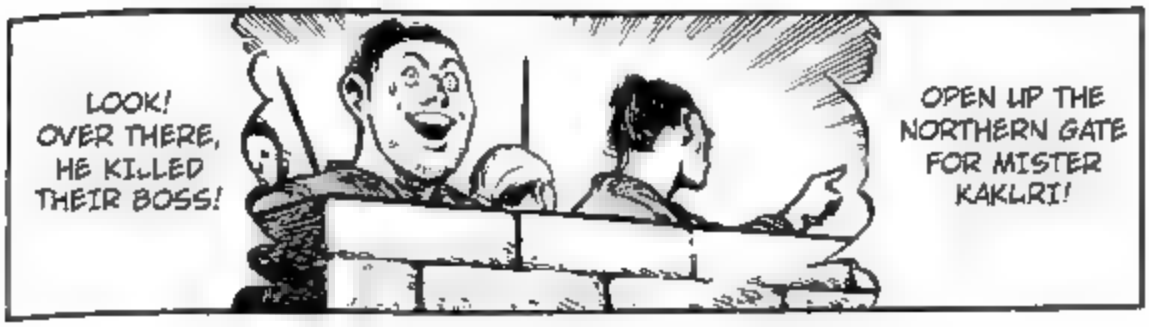
AH AH
TCHOC

LORD, IT IS OVER, WE'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT RETREAT, SIR!
SHUT UP, FOOL! RETREAT? THE SHAME WOULD BE UNBEARABLE!

HUH?


TCHONC
LIEU-
TENANT
KOGAYO!
HOP
TAGADA
HOLD
IT RIGHT
THERE!
WAAH
WAAH
SLUP


TAGADA
WAA
WAA
WAA
WHAT ..?
LIEUTENANT KOGAYO HAS BEEN KILLED, RETREAT!
WHAT?
STOP HIM! HE KILLED KOGAYO!
TAGADA
TAGADA
WAA WAA
WAA


LOOK! OVER THERE, HE KILLED THEIR BOSS!
OPEN UP THE NORTHERN GATE FOR MISTER KAKURI!

TAGADA
TAGADA
TAGADA

TAGADA
TAGADA

TADA
BRRR

THAT IS ENOUGH, TELL YOUR TROOPS TO RETREAT!
YES SIR!
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
DOKO
DOKO
I ALREADY KNEW THIS WOULDN'T WORK!

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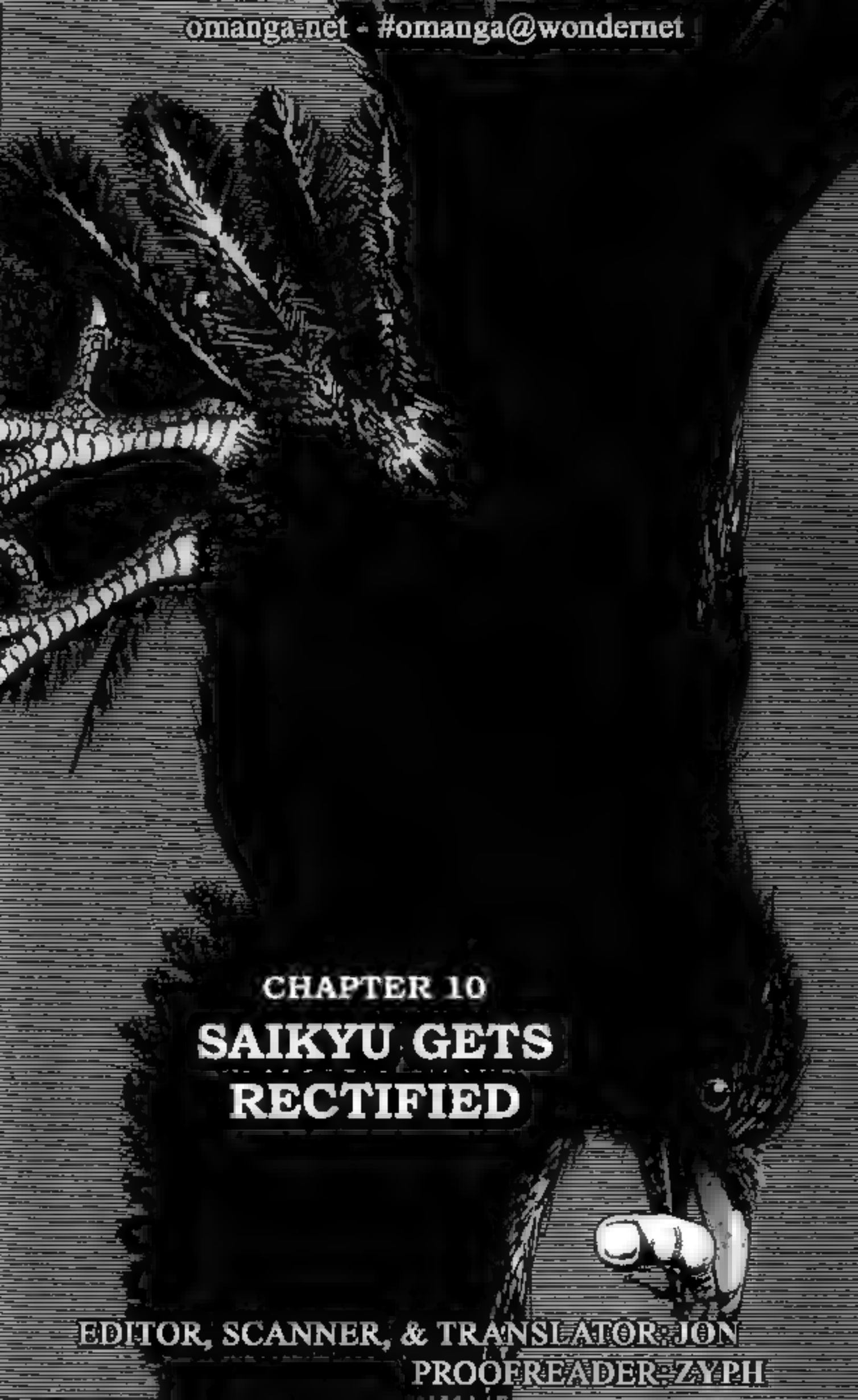

CHAPTER 10
SAIKYU GETS RECTIFIED

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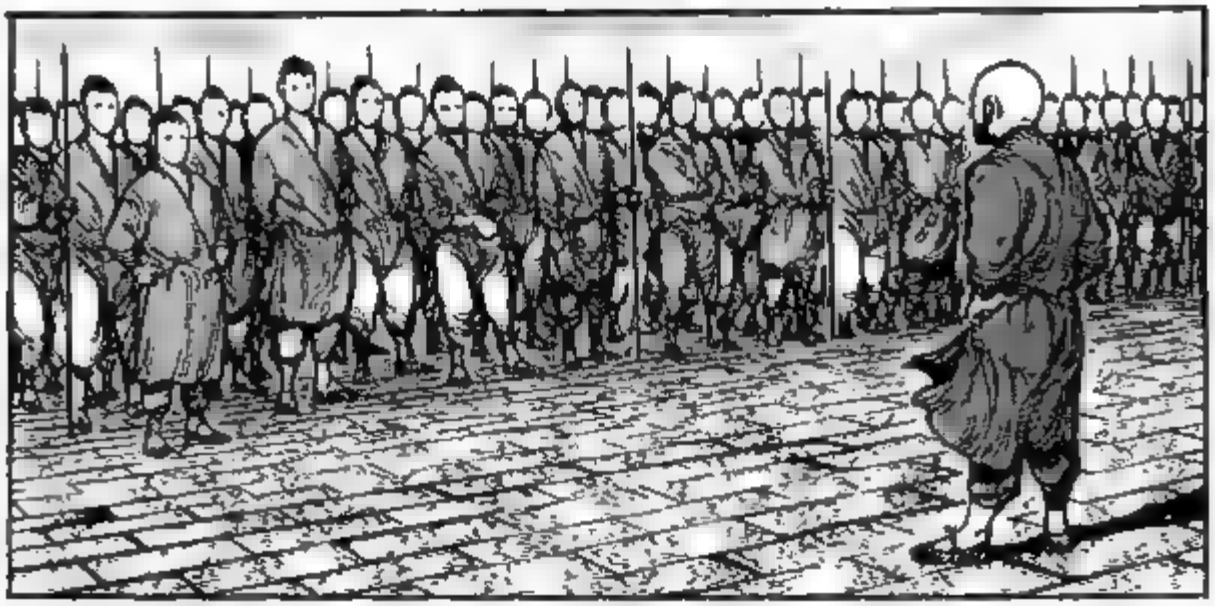

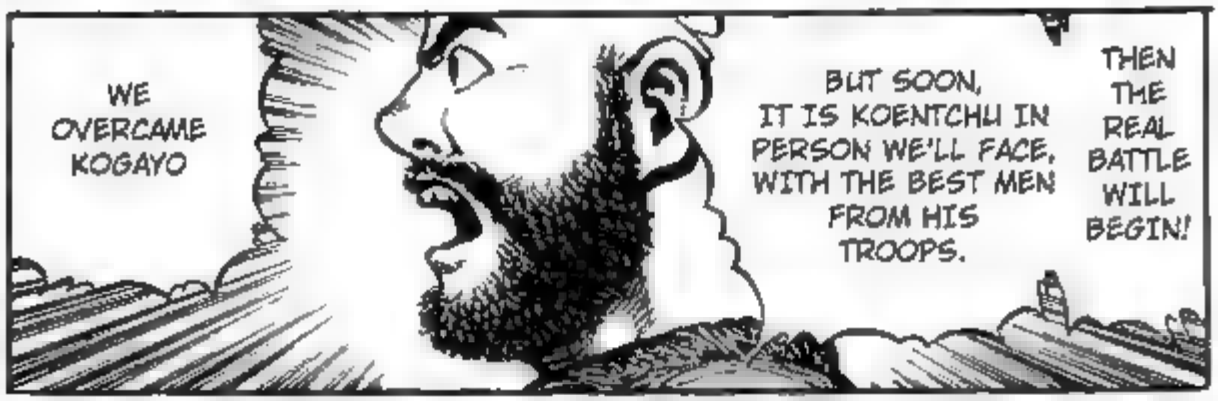
WE OVERCAME KOGAYO
BUT SOON, IT IS KOENTCHU IN PERSON WE'LL FACE, WITH THE BEST MEN FROM HIS TROOPS.
THEN THE REAL BATTLE WILL BEGIN!

WHILE WE'RE WAITING, WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THE DEAD BODIES

THE CORPSES ?

THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL RECOVER THE ARROWS
THE MEN, YOU WILL BURY THE DEAD, BUT WE'LL NEED THEIR ARMOUR

IF WE LEAVE THEM, THEY WILL SOON START ROTTING.

THE ODOR WILL BE TERRIBLE AND WE MIGHT CATCH DISEASES

ONCE THEY'RE BURIED, THEY WILL ROT SLOWLY AND THE ODOR WON'T BE AS BAD!

LET'S GET STARTED!

LOOK AT SAIKYU! HE IS STILL ALL SHAKY

HAN HAN

EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING, AS USUAL

GLA GLA

LET US GATHER THE BODIES

CHON

THAT IS DEEP ENOUGH, JUST MAKE SURE THEY'RE COVERED WITH SOIL

ALL THE DEAD BODIES BELONG TO THE ENEMY,

THAT SHOULD UPSET THOSE TINY LITTLE BASTARDS

GET LOST KIDS! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SEE THIS!

TA TA TAC

POK POK POK

POK POK

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU INSANE?!?

HAA HAA

TA TAC

THIS NO GOOD WEAKLING,

HE CAN ORDER US AROUND, BUT HE CAN'T FIGHT!

HE WAS IN THE BARN DURING THE ATTACK, TREMBLING WITH FEAR!

ONE MONTH AGO, HE TRIED TO FLEE WITH HIS WIFE,

FUCKING COWARD!

IF HE CAN'T EVEN KILL A SINGLE SOLDIER, THEN HE'S NOT FIT TO BE OUR LEADER!

TCHUCK

SAIKYU, DON'T LISTEN TO THEM!

THEY'RE TOO HOT-HEADED TO BE HAKUS THEMSELVES

IT IS YOU WHO CAN CONTROL THEM

HEY, YOU!

THERE ARE STILL BODIES TO BURY ON THE OTHER SIDE!

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU KILLED ONE OF THEM?
HOW DID IT FEEL TO PIERCE HIM WITH YOUR SPEAR?
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT? ...
IT FELT DISGUSTING, SOFT, IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN ...
...
HE STRUGGLES AND SQUIRTS WITH BLOOD, YOU CAN'T PULL OUT YOUR SPEAR
FINALLY, HIS HEART CEASES TO BEAT
YOU SUDDENLY FEEL ALL HIS WEIGHT AT THE END OF YOUR SPEAR
BOARK

HUK

ZUIK

!!

HUH?

DON'T SPEAK, DON'T SCREAM !!!

GLA GLA GLA

LET ME TAKE THIS BODY!

PAH

I WILL NOT HARM ANYONE!

HE IS MY BROTHER

EH SAIKYU! IS THERE A PROBLEM?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

NOTHING, NOTHING AT ALL

I'M JUST RESTING

THANKS
ROOA AAAR !!!
LEAVE OUR CAMP!
CHLAP
KOC
KON
HIC HIC
Z Z Z Z Z V V

PEUH! WE'VE KILLED AND BURIED FORTY OF TCHO'S SOLDIERS, BUT IT IS STILL JUST A SMALL PIECE OF THEIR ARMY!
WHAT? BUT NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE DEAD IS OURS
THEY ARE RETURNING! IT IS THE ARMY OF TCHO
WAA WAA
QUICKLY, EVERYONE ASSUME YOUR POSITIONS !
DA DA DA DA
DA DA DA DA
WE'LL ATTACK THE WESTERN AND THE EASTERN WALL ...
ATTACK!

DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
DAN
AH! THEY'RE MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE, WHAT A JOKE!
CHAP
AOU
OUUU
TAKAC

TAKAC
TAKAC
WOUAA AAAAH! WOLVES!
GRUP
GYAA
AAAA
GYAA
GYA GYA GYA
NOW! ATTACK!
DAT

WOUAR

WOUAR

GHYAARRGL

HISS

BASTARDS! NO ONE WILL PASS!!!

HUAA AARH !!!

DO DO DO

GHYUTH
OUWAH
IT FELT DISGUSTING
...
SOFT
...
IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN
...

HE STRUGGLES AND SQUIRTS WITH BLOOD ... YOU CANNOT PULL OUT YOUR SPEAR ...
THEN, HIS HEART CEASES TO BEAT ....
BLOP
YOU SUDDENLY FEEL ALL HIS WEIGHT AT THE END OF YOUR SPEAR
OUH OUH
CRRACK
SPLASH
AAAA AAAA RHH !!!

SMOKE? IS THAT WHAT THIS SMELL IS?

THE WIND IS BLOWING FROM THE EAST, THEY ARE GOING TO SET OUR CITY ON FIRE!!

SHUUH

WHAT?

OUR HOUSES!

SAVE OUR CATTLE!

WE MUST EXTINGUISH THE FIRE!

STOP AT ONCE! DEFEND THE WALL!

IDIOT! YOUR HOUSE IS ALSO BURNING!

SO WHAT? THE WALL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY HOUSE

SAIKYU! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

DAT
RYOTEKI, GATHER THE HAKUS, WE NEED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE!
RYOKAI, TAKE COMMAND OF THE EASTERN WALL!
I DON'T NEED TO TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU! I CAN FIGURE THAT OUT BY MYSELF!
GREAT! FOR THE WESTERN WALL SAIKYU WILL BE IN COMMAND!
AS YOU WISH!
I'M ON MY WAY!

NOW, MISTER KAKURI, THE REAL BATTLE WILL BEGIN!

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